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Szakal guilty of murders

He avoided the death penalty but will spend the rest of his life in prison.

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Gerald Szakal will spend the rest of his life in jail for killing Howard and Nancy Springer in their Carroll Township home.

The Webster man was found guilty of second-degree murder by a Washington County jury Thursday, the third day of deliberations.

For Szakal, the verdict means he will avoid a possible death sentence.

For the Springer family – which quietly wept and later embraced – the verdict means closure.

Gerald Szakal, at right in this file photo, faces life in prison with no chance for parole after being found guilty in the murders of a Carroll Township couple.

Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Washington County District Attorney Steve Toprani, who grew up next door to the Springers and remains close to the family, said they were very pleased with the verdict.

"With the verdict, they're able to move forward," Toprani said.

Szakal fatally shot the retired Carroll Township police chief and his wife, a retired teacher, March 4, 2008, in their home at 1241 Highland Road.

The prosecution contended Szakal stole jewelry and rare coins from his mother's Rostraver Township house and sold them to the Springers, who operated a precious metals business out of their home. Prosecutors say the Springers' business logs were proof Szakal committed the thefts.

In addition to the two counts of homicide – one for each victim – Szakal was convicted of two counts

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Swine flu vaccine about to trickle in

Pennsylvania's first doses will go to children ages 5 to 9 in areas where the flu is active.

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The long-awaited first vaccinations against swine flu – the squirt-in-the-nose kind – begin early next week in parts of the country, and states are urging people to be patient until more arrives.

Just a trickle of vaccine, 600,000 doses of the nasal spray FluMist, will be divided among 21 states and four large cities by Tuesday, with more small shipments to more states later in the week.

"We're moving this out as quickly as we can," said Oregon's public health director, Dr. Mel Kohn, who hopes shipments arrive in time to begin some vaccinations on Monday. "This doesn't do any good sitting in a warehouse."

Most states are aiming their first small batches at health care workers, hoping to keep them well enough to be on the job as cases of swine flu – what doctors prefer to call the 2009 H1N1 strain – are rapidly increasing nationwide.

Pennsylvania will target its initial 58,000 FluMist doses mostly to 5- to 9-year-olds in parts of the state where H1N1 is most active.

It's the school-age kids who are getting infected most, said Pennsylvania's acting physician general, Dr. Stephen Ostroff, and the under-10 crowd is going to need two doses of swine flu vaccine.

"Our figuring is, let's get started in the group that's going to take longest to get protected," he said.

In Chicago, firefighters will share first doses with hospitals, to get some emergency responders protected, too.

Alaska wants its meager first 4,000 FluMist doses to head directly to preschoolers, ages 2 to 4.

Stay tuned: How much vaccine is available and for whom is going to change week by week.

"This is really just the beginning," said Dr. Anne Schuchat of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "We need a little bit of patience the first couple of weeks."

Indeed, some states were surprised that the first shipments were FluMist, which is only for healthy people ages 2 to 49, which leaves out some of the groups at high risk for H1N1 flu.

The more common flu shot will be close behind, part of the 6 million to 7 million doses of vaccine the CDC expects to ship around the country by the end of next week.

Far larger batches – about 40 million doses – start shipping the second week of October.

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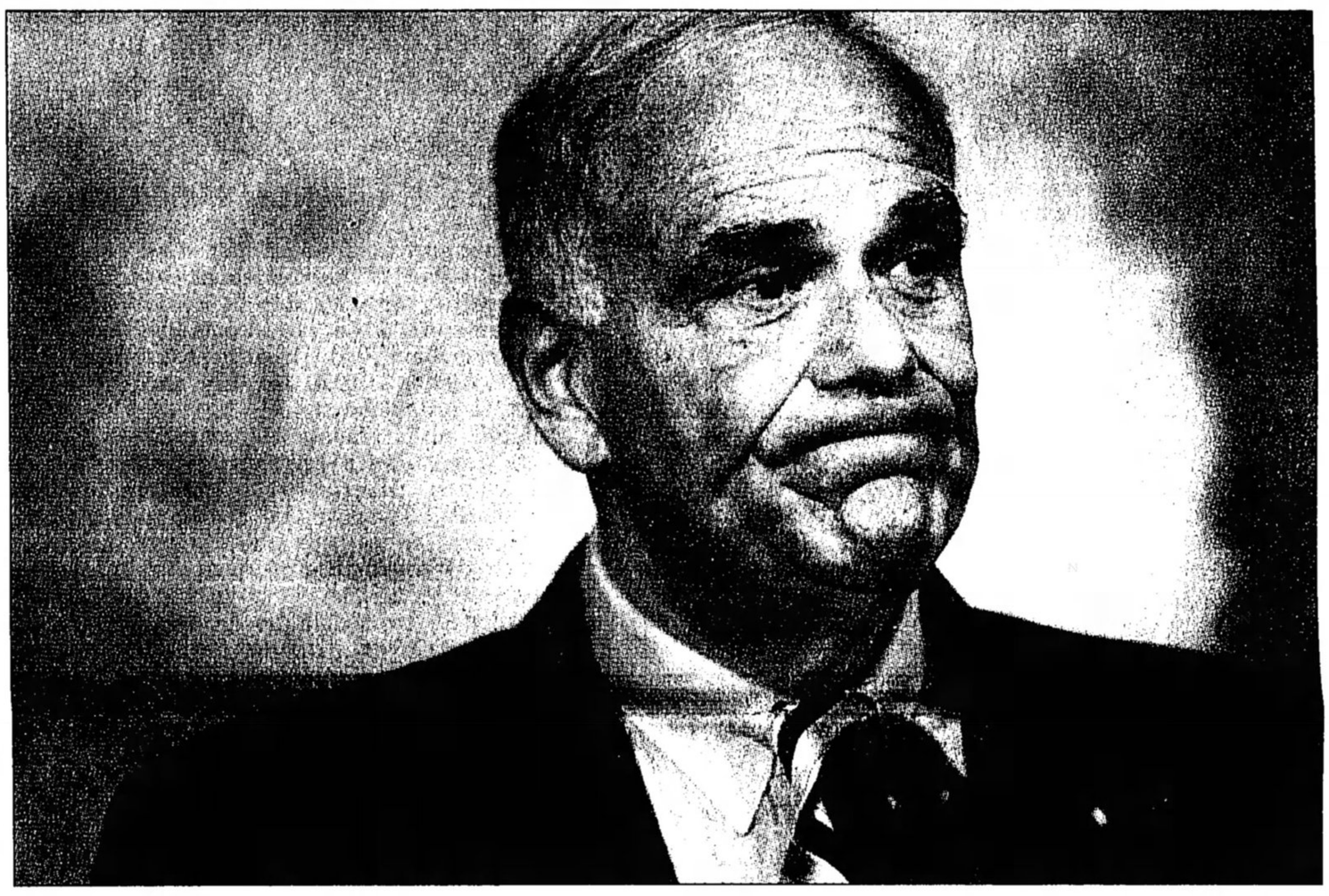

Associated Press

Gov. Ed Rendell pauses as he answers questions about the budget during a news conference Thursday at the Capitol in Harrisburg.

Terms of budget proposal change as sides again split

The House wants to eliminate a planned tax on small games of chance.

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HARRISBURG – A two-week-old state budget deal among legislative leaders and Gov. Ed Rendell fell apart Thursday as Pennsylvania reaches the 94th day of an impasse that threatens government-funded social services.

"It is unconscionable that both sides cannot seem to find middle ground in order to pass a new budget," Grant Oliphant, president and CEO of The Pittsburgh Foundation, said yesterday. "Increasing numbers of families and individuals depend on social- and human-services support for their very survival, and I am deeply worried that it is going to take a tragedy to bring our state leaders to a compromise."

The Pittsburgh Foundation yesterday granted more money to a fund established to help people hurt by the recession – raising the emergency grants to more than $1 million.

The House today is expected to vote on a tax package, approved by the Rules Committee last night, that would make significant departures from the deal Sept. 18 among House and Senate Democrats, Senate Republicans and Rendell.

"If the House passes this revenue package, we are back to square one with budget negotiations," said Senate Republican spokesman Erik Arneson.

The House plan would remove a 20 percent tax on small games of chance; eliminate a plan to levy the sales tax on theater, music, dance and museum admissions; impose a new tax on natural-gas extraction; and propose a 30 percent tax on retailers for their purchases of cigars and smokeless tobacco.

Pennsylvania is the only state without an excise tax on snuff and is one of two states without a tax on cigars.

It's also the only state without a budget.

The House plan would impose a 34 percent state tax on table games, once they are legalized – the same rate as slot-machine gambling.

The House wants to charge $20 million for a table-games license. A Senate bill calls for a 12 percent tax rate and a $10 million license fee.

"We stood firm against Big Tobacco. We stood firm against casinos," said Rep. Robert Belfanti, D-Northumberland.

House Majority Leader Todd Eachus, D-Luzerne County, said he had no choice but to change the deal. His members said they opposed the arts tax and the small-games tax.

"If it (the compromise) can't pass the House with 102 votes, it's not even real," Eachus said, noting the deal would preserve some key elements of the three-caucus deal with Rendell.

"We tried as close as we could to conform to that deal," Eachus said.

Meanwhile, Rendell yesterday urged all lawmakers to remain in

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Letterman claims extortion scheme

The late-night star admitted he has had sexual relations with female employees.

By DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

A CBS News employee is accused of trying to extort $2 million from David Letterman, forcing the late-night host to admit in an extraordinary monologue before millions of viewers that he had sexual relationships with female employees.

Letterman said that "this whole thing has been quite scary." But he mixed in jokes while outlining what had happened to him, seeming to confuse a laughing audience at Thursday's taping about whether the story was true.

The network said the person who was arrested works on the true-crime show "48 Hours" and has been suspended.

A person with knowledge of the investigation said the suspect is Robert J. Halderman. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because authorities have not released the suspect's name.

A "48 Hours" producer named Joe Halderman was part of a team nominated for an Emmy for outstanding continuing coverage of a news story in a news magazine in 2008.

Two numbers listed for Halderman were disconnected, and a message left at a third number was not immediately returned Thursday.

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VALLEY PEOPLE

Swine flu (FROM PAGE ONE)

That's when states expect enough of both shots and FluMist to start heavily targeting the high-risk groups: pregnant women, children and young adults from 6 months to 24 years, the young and middle-aged who have flu-risky conditions like asthma or diabetes, and caregivers of infants.

Hospitals in Pinellas County, Fla., plan to give new parents a special reminder. On the newborn checklist – infant car seat, going-home outfit – comes a plea to get themselves vaccinated before discharge.

Because newborns can't be vaccinated, "the only way to protect your baby is for Mom, Dad and the family to receive the vaccine," the flyer says.

By the end of October, Arizona expects 1 million doses on hand, enough for schools to start onsite vaccination programs, said Health Services Director Will Humble.

What about everybody else? Massachusetts officials are warning that people who aren't at high risk from swine flu may have to wait until November for an H1N1 shot.

In other states, officials are more optimistic. Milwaukee has earmarked its first shipment for health workers and its second for schoolchildren, kindergarten through high school.

Then by late October, "we should be able to open it up to anyone who wants it," said Milwaukee's disease-control chief, Paul Biedrzycki.

> "We're expecting two to three times the demand for seasonal flu vaccines."
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> MAUL BIEDRZYCKI
> MILWAUKEE DISEASE CONTROL

"We're expecting two to three times the demand for seasonal flu vaccines," he said.

This year brings an unusually complex vaccination schedule: Most people will need two different inoculations, one against regular winter flu and the H1N1 vaccine. Plus, children under 10 will need two H1N1 doses.

The federal government bought the nation's entire supply of H1N1 vaccine and is dividing doses as they arrive among states according to population.

State health departments submit orders, and doses are shipped to the vaccination sites the states deemed able to quickly get shots into arms and squirts up noses – a mix of doctors' offices, hospitals, drugstores and public clinics. CDC in turn will track those shipments to see how fast vaccine is used, and for whom, to ensure the populations at highest risk are vaccinated

Yesteryear

Pittsburgh Steel Co. employees gathered Sept. 5, 1957. The men in the front row are not identified, but the others are, second row, from left, Hub Burbose, Junior Keenan, Wilbur "Wib" Waggoner, Carmen DeMarco, Paul Valovich, Paul Pennline, Bob Michaels; and back row, from left, Leo Valdesarri, Cliff Moluski, Mel Renkey, Bill Leithold, Sam Farino.

Weather

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
High 67 Low 45	High 61 Low 44	High 66 Low 47	High 67 Low 53	High 69 Low 48

Budget (FROM PAGE ONE)

Harrisburg until a final budget wins approval – even if that increases the taxpayers' tab for their stay. It would result in more $158 per diems for lawmakers' food and lodging costs, which totaled $532,000 in July and August, records show.

Rendell said House Democratic leaders have agreed to keep House members in Harrisburg. Senate President Pro Tempore Joe Scarnati, R-Jefferson County, said the Senate would stay if there's the prospect of a budget vote.

In a letter to legislative leaders, Rendell wrote: "We must act swiftly because our counties, local governments, early-childhood centers, health care institutions, environmental protection organizations, school districts, and colleges and universities are depending on us to get this budget enacted, and count on state funding to enable them to provide necessary help and aid to the citizens of the commonwealth."

In early August, the governor vetoed $12 billion in money for nonprofits, day care, pre-K programs and schools, in order to gain what he described as "leverage" over lawmakers in the budget debate.

A $3.2 billion deficit is driving the impasse.

A recent increase in poverty rates in metropolitan Pittsburgh, along with higher unemployment and more demand for emergency aid, is a lingering impact of the recession, said Oliphant of The Pittsburgh Foundation.

"On top of this unprecedented hardship, we have a (budget) crisis that is placing further, huge strain on our human-services infrastructure, endangering support for the most vulnerable in our community," said Diana Bucco, president of The Forbes Funds, an affiliate of The Pittsburgh Foundation.

"I am amazed that more nonprofits have not been forced to close by now, due to the absence of state funding."

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: I equals C

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "He was one of the most stellar human beings I've ever known." - Guns N' Roses guitarist Slash, on Les Paul

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Szakal (FROM PAGE ONE)

each of robbery, theft by unlawful taking or disposition, receiving stolen property and conspiracy to commit robbery.

The jury found Szakal not guilty of two counts each of conspiracy to commit homicide and tampering with evidence.

The jury likely struggled most with the conspiracy charge. It twice asked Washington County Judge Debbie O'Dell Seneca to re-read her instructions related to the elements of that charge. The second re-reading of that charge began shortly after 11 a.m. Within an hour, the jury returned with its verdicts.

The jury asked 12 questions during its deliberations, which began late Tuesday afternoon and did not conclude until near noon Thursday.

Assistant District Attorney Craig McKay, who prosecuted the case, said the repeated questions, especially about the conspiracy charge, were a sign the jury realized the seriousness of the crimes and were conscientious in fulfilling their duties.

Howard Springer's brother, Art Springer, spoke for the family, tearfully saying, "We have no comment. Thank you."

Toprani said the family is close.

"They struggled deeply," Toprani said.

Toprani thanked the state police and his staff for their work in the case. Asked if it was a win for his office, Toprani said, "There are no winners or losers here."

"It is hard to measure in those terms," Toprani said. "Two lives were lost and a young man will pay dire consequences."

Toprani added that Szakal, "will be held accountable for what happened that fateful night."

Toprani said the verdict was an indication the jury believed the murders were "in the course of a violent robbery."

About 60 people packed the courtroom to hear the verdicts.

Szakal, dressed in a sport jacket and open dress shirt, was emotionless as the verdicts were read and as the jury was polled to confirm the verdicts were unanimous.

Szakal, handcuffed by deputies as he left the courtroom, blew kisses to his parents and fiance, who were sitting in the first row.

Defense attorney Noah Geary said an appeal is likely.

He sought a mistrial on three occasions – during jury selection when a prospective juror told others in the courtroom he believed Szakal was guilty; when witness Dennis Hawkins stood on the courtroom steps at lunchtime last week and told jurors Szakal was guilty; and after closing remarks when Geary claimed remarks made by McKay could be misconstrued as a suggestion that some of the burden of proof was on the defense.

The outburst by Hawkins was especially troubling, Geary said.

"That's outrageous and never should have happened and will obviously be a strong reason for an appeal," Geary said.

Geary said he was disappointed in the verdict, adding he thought he had provided reasonable doubt whether Szakal pulled the trigger that night.

"Obviously, I'm pleased they did not find him guilty of first-degree murder, but I never thought they'd find him guilty of first degree," Geary said.

Geary said Szakal was pleased he won't face the possibility of the death penalty that a first-degree conviction would have carried.

"He accepts it and he understands the verdict," Geary said.

Geary said Szakal's parents were "a little disappointed," but thankful that their son won't face the death penalty.

Scheme (FROM PAGE ONE)

Letterman's "Late Show" audience was the first to hear the story, which came as a shock because the 62-year-old Letterman had married longtime girlfriend Regina Lasko in March. The couple began dating in 1986 and have a son, Harry, born in November 2003.

Fatherhood and his heart surgery in 2000 had seemed to mellow Letterman, who took over as the most popular late-night comedy host this summer after NBC replaced Jay Leno with Conan O'Brien on the "Tonight" show.

Letterman sat behind his desk to outline the scheme after a monologue that targeted some frequent foils like Sarah Palin and Dick Cheney.

Three weeks ago, Letterman said, he got in his car early in the morning and found a package with a letter saying, "I know that you do some terrible, terrible things and that I can prove that you do some terrible things."

He acknowledged the letter contained proof.

He said it was terrifying "because there's something insidious about (it). Is he standing down there? Is he hiding under the car? Am I going to get a tap on the shoulder?"

Letterman said he called his lawyer to set up a meeting with the man, who threatened to write a screenplay and a book about Letterman unless he was given money. There were two subsequent meetings, with the man given a phony $2 million check at the last one. Letterman joked it was like the giant ceremonial check given to winners of golf tournaments.

He told the audience that he had to testify before a grand jury on Thursday.

"I was worried for myself, I was worried for my family," he said. "I felt menaced by this, and I had to tell them all of the creepy things that I had done."

He said "the creepy stuff was that I have had sex with women who work for me on this show. My response to that is yes, I have. Would it be embarrassing if it were made public? Yes, it would, especially for the women."

Whether they wanted to make the relationships public was up to them, he said.

"I felt like I needed to protect these people. I need to protect my family. I need to protect myself. Hope to protect my job," Letterman said.

CBS said in a statement that "we believe his comments speak for themselves."

Perhaps as a defense mechanism, Letterman sprinkled his remarks with jokes: "I know what you're saying," he said. "I'll be darned, Dave had sex."

He said he wouldn't talk further about it, and recited a Top Ten list. It was not immediately clear when the relationships took place or how long they lasted. Letterman's "Late Show" has been on the air since 1993. Before that, "Late Night with David Letterman" aired on NBC from 1982 to 1993.

Letterman won't be taping a show Friday. Friday night's show was taped Thursday. Alicia Maxey Greene, a spokeswoman for the Manhattan District Attorney's office, declined to comment.

It's the second set of embarrassing headlines for Letterman in four months.

In June, he apologized to Palin for making a crude joke about the former Republican vice presidential candidate's 14-year-old daughter. Although there was a small "fire Letterman" demonstration outside of his studio later, CBS stood by its late-night star.

Valley briefs

Heating grants now available

Dollar Energy Fund began providing utility assistance grants for the 2009-10 heating season Thursday.

Low-income households throughout the state can apply for utility assistance for gas, electric and water bills.

Last year, the fund helped more than 13,300 households restore or maintain utility service, said Cindy Datig, the fund's chief executive officer.

Information about Dollar Energy Fund and how to apply to the Hardship Program or donate to the organization is available from www.dollarenergyfund.org.

Region losing construction jobs

The Pittsburgh region lost 7 percent of its construction jobs between August 2008 and August 2009, which ranked 77th among 337 metropolitan areas in the percentage gained or lost over the year, the Associated General Contractors of America said.

Construction employment in the region lost 4,400 jobs in the 12-month period, dropping to 56,900 jobs.

The Reno, Nev., area was the hardest hit, losing 35 percent of its construction work force.

Columbus, Ind., topped the list with a 14 percent growth in construction employment.

Worker dead after 100-foot fall

A worker has fallen 100 feet to his death from a bridge near Pittsburgh.

The man was standing on scaffolding at the McKees Rocks Bridge when it either collapsed or he fell around 2:30 p.m. Thursday.

Police described him as a 54-year-old Ohio man but his name and hometown were not immediately released.

The man was employed by the Odyssey Contracting Corp., which is the prime contractor on a $6.8 million PennDOT bridge rehabilitation project.

Youth's killer testifies at trial

A man who killed a boy in a Pittsburgh-area clothing store says he thought he was shooting at the man who had opened fire on the street nearby.

It turned out that 25-year-old Kevin Johnson, of Pittsburgh's Homewood section, was shooting at 12-year-old Kholen Germany, who ran into the Wilkinsburg store to flee from the gunfire outside.

Johnson still faces federal charges but got immunity from Allegheny County prosecutors to testify Thursday against 20-year-old Donald Wilson Jr., who's also known as "Tank."

Wilson is charged with third-degree murder because prosecutors maintain he started the chain of events that led to Johnson killing the boy.

The defense maintains he wasn't even at the scene.

Meagan Bilik DeFazio

Chris Scherer

Michele Bononi

Westmoreland judicial race not drawing much attention

A forum was canceled when two of the three candidates said they weren't interested.

By RICH CHOLODOFSKY
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Look who's talking about the upcoming election for two Westmoreland County judgeships.

Apparently nobody.

Aside from yard signs and billboards along some county roadways, there hasn't been much activity in the three-candidate race among Sheriff Chris Scherer of Lower Burrell, and attorneys Michele Bononi of Unity and Meagan Bilik DeFazio of North Huntingdon.

A forum for the candidates, sponsored by the county bar association and scheduled for later this month, was canceled when two of the candidates said they weren't interested.

Scherer, the two-term incumbent sheriff, won nominations in last spring's Democratic and Republican primaries. He joins Bononi, a Republican, and Bilik DeFazio, a Democrat on the Nov. 5 ballot.

The top two vote-getters will win spots on the Common Pleas Court bench to replace retiring judges Daniel Ackerman and William J. Ober.

And now the fall campaign has been silenced by the bar association's decision to forgo, for the first time in recent memory, a judicial forum leading up to an election.

"Chris Scherer wasn't interested and once he backed out it was like a domino effect," said Jim Antoniono, president of the bar association.

Scherer said Thursday he did not believe there was enough public interest to warrant repeating a question-and-answer session that was similar to a forum held last spring among eight candidates in the primary.

"In a judicial campaign there are only so many questions you can ask," Scherer said. "I plan on doing what I always do and take my message to the voters."

Judical candidates are prohibited by the state Supreme Court from discussing issues they would directly rule on if elected to the bench.

Scherer said there was little reason to conduct a second forum because the spring forum was recorded and is available over the Internet.

Bononi said the candidates' busy schedules have made it difficult to have one session where all three judicial hopefuls can appear together to discuss the race. There is little demand from the public for such an event, she said.

"We did it in the spring and no one showed up," Bononi said.

Bilik DeFazio, a first-time candidate, said she favored a forum this fall.

"I thought it was an opportunity for voters to observe and evaluate the candidates," she said.

'To do list' provided before arena closes

By KEVIN GORMAN
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Mellon Arena, the oldest building and only stainless steel dome in the National Hockey League, will have a new addition tonight that makes The Igloo the envy of its peers.

Its most tenured tenant, the Penguins, will hold a pregame ceremony before their regular-season opener against the New York Rangers to raise a banner commemorating their Stanley Cup championship. It's a fitting gesture for the final hockey season of the venue once known as the Civic Arena.

"I've always looked up and wanted to put the Stanley Cup banner up there," Penguins captain Sidney Crosby said. "To be able to put the banner up in the last possible year we could have seen it go up here, it's pretty great."

With fans gazing toward the retractable roof — which, to answer the most frequently asked question about Mellon Arena, hasn't completely opened since the filming of "Sudden Death" in 1995 — it's worth noting the quirks and perks of what was intended to be a world-class opera house for the Civic Light Opera when it opened in 1961.

The Tribune-Review, a sister publication of *The Valley Independent,* compiled a to-do list of things to see before Consol Energy Center replaces Mellon Arena next year:

10. Learn some history.

Adorning the walls are plaques celebrating the Pitts-

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Fall festivals provide fun at discount price

With people looking for inexpensive family fun, Westmoreland festivals are as popular as ever.

By JENNIFER REEGER
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Even in times of economic crisis, local festival organizers worry more about the weather forecast than the stock market.

"Fall festivals seem to be recession-proof because either there is no admittance fee or it's a nominal admittance fee," said Julie Donovan, spokeswoman for the Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau, which promotes festivals throughout the region. "It just has a homey feeling. People feel good. They're happy. You don't have to spend a lot of money to have a good time.

"We hear more negative with the weather. If the weather was cold or rainy, then attendance is down," she said.

Festival organizers said with people looking for inexpensive family fun during the economic downturn, festivals are as popular as ever.

And while some festivals have had a tougher time securing sponsors this year because of the economy, they said there is no shortage of people who want to sell their wares or visitors to buy them.

"We had beautiful weather all weekend and we had large crowds," said Rick Thomas, moderator of the recent Scottdale Fall Festival. "As evidence of the large crowds, it looks like people were looking for an event they could go to and not spend money to get in and enjoy the event."

Thomas said the festival probably drew 2,000 to 3,000 more people than in a typical year, likely because the famous highwire act, the Wallendas, provided entertainment.

The festival was able to bring in a national act, despite sponsorship money being down a bit, by redistributing the budget.

"You had to readjust funds," he said. "You kind of take the (other) entertainment down a little bit and you're able to fit those things in. We have plenty of experience with that type of thing."

Jeff Landy, co-chairman of the Mt. Pleasant Glass and Ethnic Festival, said attendance was down this year because of the weather, not the economy.

"We had rain for 55 percent of the time, but the days that the weather was nice I think our vendors said they did better," Landy said. "I think that contributes to the fact that our event is a free event, and people appreciate the value they're getting. So they'll come and they'll have a little bit more disposable income when it's free."

Landy did worry about whether past sponsors would stay on board, but in the end they came through, he said.

Rachel Roehrig, co-chair of Fort Ligonier Days, was concerned about sponsorships as well.

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Should You Be On TV?

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Inside, you feel like jumping up and down. You can't believe you're getting the chance to share your message with millions of people around the country and gain priceless free exposure for what you're promoting. But you play it cool. You tell her you *think* you can somehow find the time in your schedule.

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ECKMAN — Kenneth J. Eckman, 72, of Perryopolis, on Thursday, Oct. 1. Eley/McCrory Funeral Home Inc., Fayette City.

FEDAK — Michael M. Fedak, 89, of Laurinburg, N.C., formerly of Monongahela, on Thursday, Oct. 1. Betty Anthony, Laurinburg, N.C.*

HUTOFF — Frank W. "Uncle Frank" Hutoff, 60, of Monessen, on Tuesday, Sept. 29. Robert A. Billick Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

TOKAR — Joseph Tokar Sr., 84, of Charleroi, on Thursday, Oct. 1. Schrock-Hogan Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., Charleroi.

PREVIOUS DEATH
MORTON, Myrtle C.*
* See death notice

Michael M. Fedak
Laurinburg, N.C.
Formerly of Monongahela

Michael M. Fedak, 89, of Laurinburg, N.C., died Oct. 1, 2009. He was born in Monongahela, Nov. 15, 1919, son of the late John and Helen Hazuda Fedak. A graduate of Monongahela High School and Penn State University, he served in the Pacific theater in World War II. Michael was a former member of the St. Mary's R.O. Church, Monongahela, and several other organizations. He is survived by a son, Michael (Skip) Fedak and wife, Jeanne, of Laurinburg; two grandchildren, Michael and wife, Laura Fedak, and Jolee and husband, Jeremy Johnson; one great-granddaughter, Riley; sister, Betty Anthony, of Monongahela, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Marie Burge Fedak; brother, John Fedak, and sister, Mary Turic. Burial will be in North Carolina.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Frank W. "Uncle Frank" Hutoff
Monessen

Frank W. "Uncle Frank" Hutoff, 60, of Monessen, died on Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009, in Mon Valley Hospital, after losing his courageous battle with cancer. Born in Monessen on Dec. 12 1948, he was the son of the late Frank and Anna Hutoff. He was employed at Keywell Metals. Frank was Russian Orthodox by faith. He was a member of the Croatian Club, the Polish National Alliance 1146 and the Hungarian Club, all of Monessen. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister and two brothers-in-law: Polly Ann and John Rudovsky and Joseph" Pie" Rullo. He is survived by his fiance, Patty Cepapitis Cocciolone of Monessen; six sisters and four brothers-in-law: Mary and Thomas Nega of Belle Vernon; Nancy Rossik of Oak Ridge, N.J.; Gene and Bill Fleming of Baltimore, Md.; Delores and Gene Bulger of Virginia Beach, Va.; Elaine Rullo of Monessen; and Noreen and Terry Husher of Dayton, Ohio. Friends will be received on Saturday from 5 until 8 pm. in the ROBERT A. BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC., Grand Boulevard and Marion Avenue, Monessen (724) 684-3700. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made in Frank's memory through the funeral home.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Myrtle Chattaway Morton
Holiday, Fla.
Formerly of Monongahela

Myrtle Chattaway Morton, 91, passed

way Sept. 28, 2009, at the home of her son in Holiday, Fla. Myrtle was born Oct. 31, 1917, in Monongahela. Her parents were Charles Leonard Chattaway and Lydia Clee Chattaway. Myrtle and her late husband, William "Bubs" Morton, moved to Florida in 1958. Myrtle is survived by two daughters, Martha Ann Reinhardt Blackhurst, of Gulfport, Fla., and Sarah Jane Reinhardt and husband, Dan Christopher, of Clearwater, Fla.; two sons, Mark Morton and wife, Kelli, of Enid, Okla., and Mike Morton and wife, Julie, of Holiday, Fla.; four grandchildren, Denise, Tim, Natalie, and William; five great-grandchildren, Darshana, Dexter, Lindsey, Lauren and Anthony; and three great-great-grandchildren, Jalessa, Hailey and Madison.

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Festivals (FROM PAGE THREE)

"We did get six major sponsors, but it was iffy for awhile," she said. "We have not had a shortage of craft people or people wanting to do food booths."

She's expecting a typical crowd of about 100,000 for the event, which will be held Oct. 9, 10 and 11.

That's down from last year's estimated crowd of 130,000 to 150,000, but 2008 also marked the Ligonier Valley's 250th anniversary, and celebrations around that milestone boosted the number of visitors.

"Weather is the deciding factor," she said. "If you have a nice day, minus rain, we usually get a huge crowd for Fort Ligonier."

Bill Bilo, treasurer for the Delmont Apple 'N Arts Festival, said his organization has had no problem finding sponsors or vendors this year.

While he can't predict what attendance will be for this year's festival, which will be held Saturday and Sunday, he agreed that weather remains the biggest factor.

"Last year, the economy had started to tank at that point, and we had a great year last year," Bilo pointed out.

"If the weather's nice, if it's beautiful like it was last year, I wouldn't see why (the economy) would have any impact," he added.

The economy certainly hasn't hurt The Pittsburgh Renaissance Festival in South Huntingdon, which posted record-breaking attendance numbers three weekends in a row this year.

"The local economy has not had a negative impact on our festival," said festival spokeswoman Lindsy Kollar.

"We had a good financial year in 2008 with an increase in food sales and attendance, and we've seen that trend continue."

Overall attendance for the festival, which is held over six weekends, is up over last year as the event enters its final weekend, she said.

"I think because of the economic climate, people are looking for quality attractions that are local and affordable," Kollar said.

Jacko's autopsy problematic for doc?

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Jackson's autopsy report was surprising as much for what it didn't contain as for what it did: The singer was in relatively good health for a man his age and no illegal drugs were detected in his system.

Jackson's physical condition, detailed in his autopsy report obtained by The Associated Press, could be a useful tool for prosecutors as they weigh charges against his personal physician, Dr. Conrad Murray, who told police he administered a powerful anesthetic to the singer shortly before he died.

The coroner has ruled Jackson's death at age 50 a homicide with his death caused by acute intoxication of the anesthetic propofol with other sedatives a contributing factor. The coroner found the propofol was administered without any medical need and that recommended resuscitation equipment was missing.

The autopsy findings block a potential defense for Murray — that Jackson hid serious pre-existing conditions that increased the risk of death from the drugs he willingly took.

"It clearly establishes that Michael Jackson was a healthy person whose death appears to have been directly caused by the administration of some very powerful sedatives," said criminal defense attorney and former federal prosecutor Mark Werksman. "This autopsy report seems to clear the path for a prosecution that his death was caused by an overdose."

DISTRICT MAGISTERIAL COURT

The following criminal cases were held before Magisterial District Judge Mark Wilson, of Monongahela, this week:

■ Tracey Stone, 37, of 1239 Cheshire Drive, Elizabeth, was charged with harassment and criminal trespass Aug. 28 and harassment on Aug. 30 by Donora police. She was found guilty of one harassment charge and not guilty of the other charges.

■ Troy Phoenix, 25, of 135 Union St., New Eagle, was charged with disorderly conduct and harassment Aug. 11 by Monongahela police. He was found guilty.

■ Michael Willis, 18, of 10 Sneezy Road, Monongahela, was charged with criminal mischief and harassment Aug. 27 by Carroll Township police. He was found guilty.

■ Richard Nicklow, 66, of 410 N. Water St., West Newton, was charged with stalking Sept. 18 by Carroll Township police. The case was held for court.

■ Allen Johnson, 20, of 1832 Winhurst St., Pittsburgh, was charged with disorderly conduct June 9 by Donora police. He was found guilty.

■ John Heinzelman, 62, of 163 Route 837, Monongahela, was charged with harassment Sept. 9 by Carroll Township police. He was found not guilty.

■ David Galiffa, 22, of 527 Third St., Donora, was charged with disorderly conduct Sept. 9 by Donora police. He was found not guilty.

■ Gilbert Szakal, 52, of 122 Brokaw Ave., Donora, was charged with disorderly conduct Aug. 5 by Donora police. The case was dismissed.

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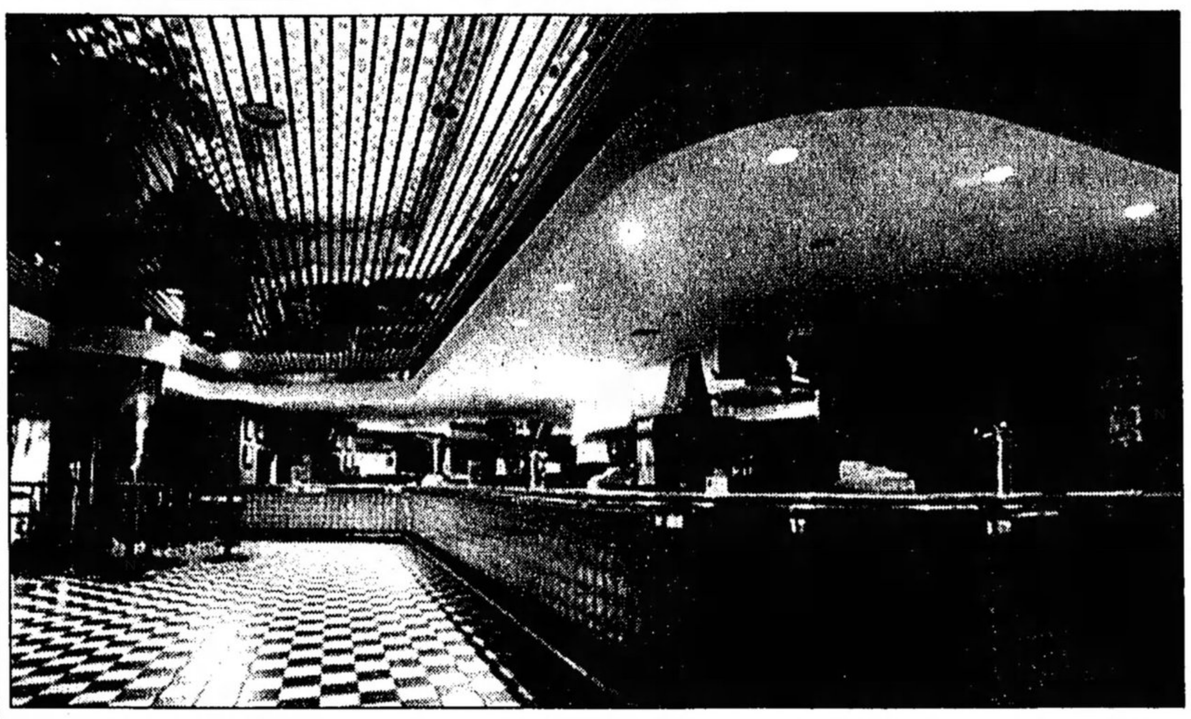

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The Igloo Club is one of the unique aspects of Mellon Arena. "One of the things that I think is one of the neatest areas in the building is the West Igloo lounge," says Jay Roberts, the arena's general manager. "It still has the trussing supports visible that were used from the Civic Light Opera. When you're in that lounge, that's where the CLO stage was — and it was the stage from the original performances."

Arena (FROM PAGE THREE)

burgh Hall of Fame, sports stars ranging from the Steelers' Bobby Layne to Rocky Bleier, the Pirates' Paul Waner to Harvey Haddix, former Penguins GM and Pittsburgh Hornet goaltender Baz Bastien, NBA trailblazers Chuck Cooper and Connie Hawkins, Negro League dynamos Josh Gibson and Satchel Paige, and Olympian John Woodruff.

9. Take care of business — in a flash.

Obscured by its placement next to a Pennsylvania Lottery machine near Section B16, a plaque commemorates the concerts of Elvis Presley on June 25-26, 1973, and New Year's Eve 1976. It reads: "A legendary performer who earned the love and respect of millions. His presence will always be missed." The Fans of Elvis Presley dedicated the plaque Jan. 8, 1982.

8. Find your alma mater's jersey.

Continuing down the concourse, a hallway of glass-encased hockey jerseys showcases members of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Hockey League, which produced a few NHL players in recent years. One of them, Hopewell's Nate Guenin, spent training camp with the Penguins.

"I remember coming here with my dad when I was younger, coming here for Stanley Cup playoff games," Guenin said. "Just walking around, you see a different setup than other arenas, the way the ramps are set up. It's still got that same old smell from back in the day. I'll be sad to see it go."

7. Take one last walk up the ramps.

The concept of walking up curved ramps is not necessarily unique to Mellon Arena, but architects rarely incorporate them into new sporting arenas like Consol Energy Center, slated to open next year.

"The new one," said Jay Roberts, general manager of Mellon Arena, "will have elevators and escalators."

6. Check out the CLO stage.

Notice the bunker lounge under the West Igloo Club lounge, especially when entering from Gate Three.

"One of the things that I think is one of the neatest areas in the building is the West Igloo lounge. It still has the trussing supports visible that were used from the Civic Light Opera," Roberts said. "When you're in that lounge, that's where the CLO stage was — and it was the stage from the original performances."

5. Sit in Section F

As a visiting NHL player and assistant, Penguins coach Dan Bylsma always wondered what it would be like to watch a game from the vantage point that Section F gives fans high atop Mellon Arena.

"If I was a fan, I'd want to sit in one of the balconies," Bylsma said. "There's not a lot of buildings that have over-hanging balconies. It's unique."

Penguins president David Morehouse also is fascinated with Section F.

"You can actually touch the dome," Morehouse said. "You're looking down at the ice, and you hear the sound of the crowd echo."

Steelers Director of Football Operations Kevin Colbert, a longtime Penguins season-ticket holder, said he purchases extra tickets there.

"That's probably the best, lowest-priced seat in the league," Colbert said. "It's really right on top of the action. The vantage point is awesome."

4. The retractable roof is ... closed?

The dome was designed for the roof to retract in two minutes, but Mellon Arena hasn't opened all the way for an event since a World Wrestling Entertainment show in 1993 — which was followed by fireworks — and hasn't had more than two leaves open at a time since 1999.

Part of the problem is the workload involved in opening it, because the roof supports all of the 3/8-inch-thick ring cables from which everything hangs from the ceiling, including the Jumbotron. Taking down the ring cables would require using a 150-foot crane. They then would be curled and tagged because they have to be returned to the exact same spot, as their lengths flow with the dome's curve.

"To realize that it's a dome and the Penguins actually played in a place that they call The Igloo, it's pretty unique," right winger Bill Guerin said. "I would've loved to have seen it with the roof open. That would be cool."

3. Speaking of the scoreboard...

Because the roof can't support a bigger scoreboard, the Penguins placed decals on the roof for advertising, one creative way to compensate for the 8-by-10 screen's limited video capacity. The scoreboard at Consol Energy Center won't be much bigger, but the video screen is expected to be two to three times greater on every side.

2. It's a banner season.

What stands out about the Penguins is they are the only organization to recognize their Most Valuable Player and NHL scoring award winners with banners hanging alongside their divisional, conference and Cup champions.

That's because the Penguins have 13 of the past 21 scoring champions, including 2009 champion Evgeni Malkin, and MVPs in Mario Lemieux (1988, 1993 and 1996), Jaromir Jagr (1999) and Crosby (2007).

"That's our distinction," Penguins Vice President of Communications Tom McMillan said. "We have had an unbelievable amount of great players who have come through here. This is the only arena that has banners for that."

The banners were rearranged to accommodate the Cup championship.

"It's one of those nights you remember for a long time," said Guerin, who won the Cup with the New Jersey Devils in 1995. "It's a special night. Hopefully, it's a night where we can start our season off on the right foot."

1. Take one long look at The Igloo.

Mike Lange, the Penguins' radio voice, laments that an indelible image will be lost when games move to Consol Energy Center.

"I'm a little disappointed we didn't build another Igloo because it's so distinguishable," Lange said. "It's an eye-opener for players walking up from the city. Kids are in awe if it snows and they've never seen the arena."

Bylsma agrees that Mellon Arena stands alone in its design.

"We have a beautiful new building and I can't wait to get into it, but when the dome is not here, it'll be an odd feeling driving to this part of the city and not seeing it," Bylsma said.

"There will definitely be something that's missed because of the dome. It's certainly a unique building, and a lot of the unique buildings are going by the wayside, so it's sad to see that."

There's life left in aging arena

Jay Roberts, Mellon Arena general manager, hopes to attract a few more big shows, including a World Wrestling Entertainment event and several concerts, "to send the old lady on her way at the very end."

Here's a look at events at Mellon Arena in its final year:

•Today: Penguins raise Stanley Cup championship banner in regular-season opener against the New York Rangers, the start of their final season at the arena.

•Nov. 29: Star Wars in Concert, a multimedia event with a live orchestra and choir performing music from all six scores by John Williams.

•Dec. 2: The City Game, between Pitt and Duquesne, marks the final college basketball game at the arena. "We're hoping to get a lot of the former greats down to honor them," Roberts said.

•Dec. 11: Doo Wop Holiday Reunion Show VIII, with The Drifters featuring Charlie Thomas, Gene Chandler, The Duprees, Emil Stucchio and The Classics, Kenny Vance and The Planotones, Lenny Welch, The Marcels and Kathy Young.

•Dec. 16: Trans-Siberian Orchestra will play two shows, at 3 and 8 p.m., featuring its Christmas-themed rock opera.

•Dec. 26: The Harlem Globetrotters make their final visit to the arena. The world-famous basketball showmen first played in Pittsburgh in 1961, the year the arena opened, and have played the day after Christmas every year since 2002.

•April 8, 2010: Penguins host the New York Islanders in final regular-season home game.

NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Oct. 2, the 275th day of 2009. There are 90 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On Oct. 2, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson suffered a serious stroke at the White House that left him paralyzed on his left side.

On this date:

■ In 1869, political and spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi was born in Porbandar, India.

■ In 1944, Nazi troops crushed the two-month-old Warsaw Uprising, during which a quarter of a million people were killed.

■ In 1950, the comic strip "Peanuts," created by Charles M. Schulz, was syndicated to seven newspapers.

■ In 1959, Rod Serling's "The Twilight Zone" made its debut on CBS-TV with the episode "Where Is Everybody?" starring Earl Holliman.

■ In 1967, Thurgood Marshall was sworn as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court as the court opened its new term.

■ In 1985, actor Rock Hudson died at his home in Beverly Hills, Calif. at age 59 after battling AIDS.

■ In 2006, an armed milk truck driver took a group of girls hostage in an Amish schoolhouse in Nickel Mines, Pa., killing five of them and wounding five others before committing suicide.

■ **Ten years ago**: The Brooklyn Museum of Art opened its much-hyped "Sensation" exhibit which had drawn controversy, because of New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's move to cut off city funding to the museum. (Giuliani objected to some of the artwork, which included a portrait of the Virgin Mary decorated with elephant dung.)

■ **Five years ago**: Suspected separatist rebels began four days of attacks in India's Nagaland and Assam states that killed 73 people.

■ **One year ago**: Republican Sarah Palin and Democrat Joe Biden sparred over taxes, energy policy and the Iraq war in a high-profile vice-presidential debate at Washington University in St. Louis, in which Palin sought to reclaim her identity as a feisty reformer and Biden tried to undercut the maverick image of GOP presidential hopeful John McCain.

■ **Today's Birthdays**: Country singer-musician Leon Rausch (Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys) is 82. Retired MLB All-Star Maury Wills is 77. Movie critic Rex Reed is 71. Singer-songwriter Don McLean is 64. Cajun/country singer Jo-el Sonnier is 63. Actor Avery Brooks is 61. Photographer Annie Leibovitz is 60. Singer-actor Sting is 58. Actress Lorraine Bracco is 55. Rhythm-and-blues singer Freddie Jackson is 51. Singer-producer Robbie Nevil is 51. Retro-soul singer James Hunter is 47. Folk-country singer Gillian Welch is 42. Country singer Kelly Willis is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer Dion Allen (Az Yet) is 39. Actress-talk show host Kelly Ripa is 39. Singer Tiffany is 38. Gospel singer Mandisa (TV: "American Idol") is 33. Rock musician Mike Rodden (Hinder) is 27.

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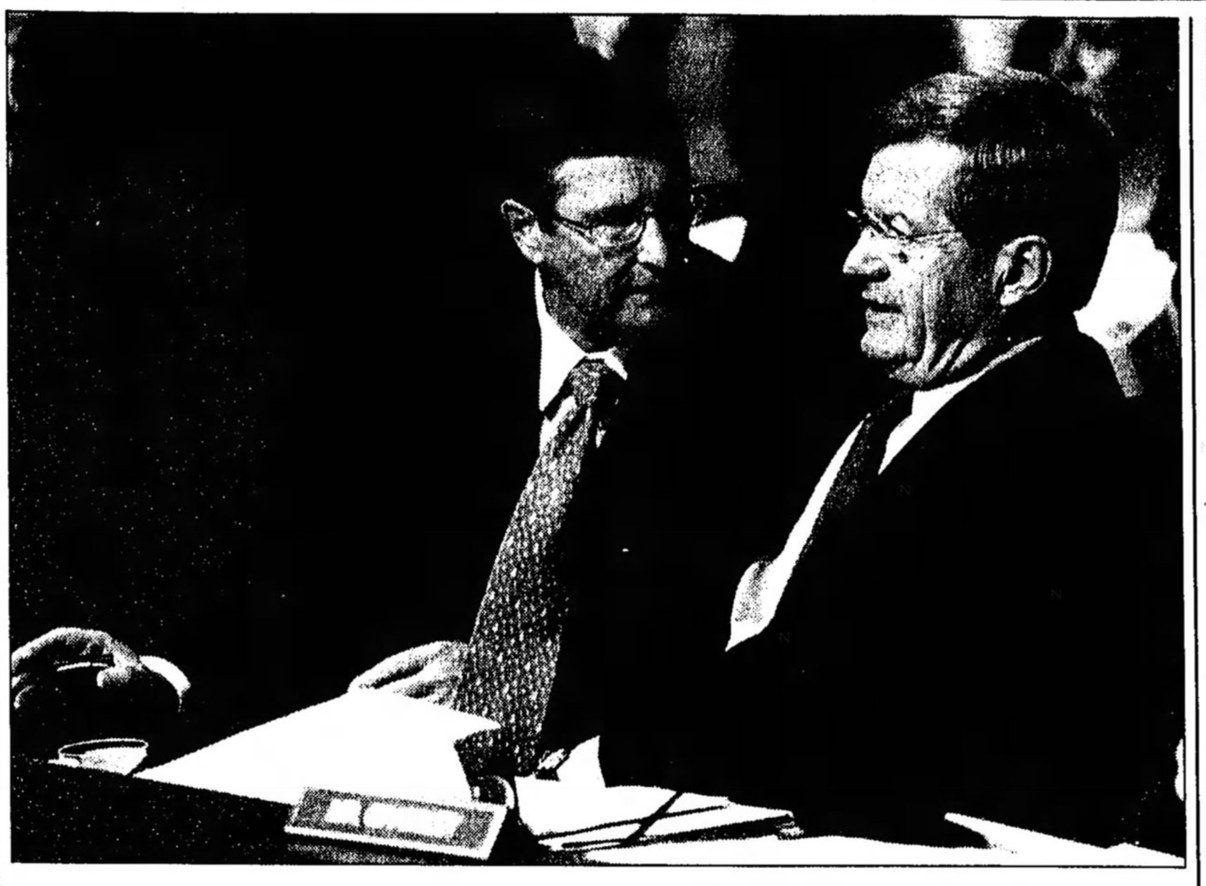

Associated Press

Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., left, talks to Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., during a Senate Finance Committee hearing on health care reform legislation on Capitol Hill in Washington on Thursday.

Obama-backed health bill gains ground in Congress

President says U.S. "now closer than ever before to finally passing (health care) reform."

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Health care legislation backed by President Barack Obama all but cleared a major hurdle in the Senate early today as Democratic liberals and moderates on a key committee closed ranks behind the most sweeping set of changes in a half-century.

Obama hailed the developments in the Senate Finance Committee as a milestone, and said in a written statement, "We are now closer than ever before to finally passing reform that will offer security to those who have coverage and affordable insurance to those who don't."

The legislation is designed to spread health insurance to millions who now lack it, and cracks down on industry practices such as denying coverage on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions.

More than $400 billion in federal subsidies would help defray premium costs for lower-income families and help small businesses offer coverage to their workers. Most policies would be required to cover preventive care as well as treatment for medical illness and vision, dental and mental health needs.

It was past 2 this morning when Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., the committee chairman, announced that work had been completed on all sections of the legislation.

"This bill will lower taxes for more than 42 million Americans and reduce the federal deficit," he said. "This bill will protect Medicare benefits for seniors. This bill will significantly expand health coverage."

A final vote was delayed until next week so budget officials can certify the legislation does not add to federal deficits. Given the Democrats' 13-10 majority only the final margin is in doubt.

Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, said she has not yet decided how to vote. "I've got a lot to think about," she said. All other Republicans on the committee have criticized the bill and are certain to oppose it.

The full Senate already is scheduled to begin a historic debate at mid-month on legislation to meet one of Obama's principal campaign promises — and a goal of presidents since Harry Truman sat in the White House at mid-20th century.

The legislation was built on the wreckage of failed bipartisan negotiations among six members of the committee, and tilted at several points to appeal to Democratic moderates more than liberals. Baucus said that was the only strategy that could succeed in gaining 60 votes in the Senate, needed to overcome a threatened Republican filibuster.

As a result, it lacks a provision to permit the government to sell insurance in competition with private industry. Instead, it allows non-profit cooperatives to fill that role.

Unlike legislation taking shape in the House and a bill that passed a different Senate committee earlier in the year, it does not require businesses to offer insurance to their employees. Instead, companies that do not would be required to offset the cost of any federal subsidies their workers receive when they buy their own insurance in a new federally regulated exchange that would be established.

On the other side of the Capitol, Democratic House leaders have struggled in recent days to agree on a bill to send to the floor for a vote later this month. Aides have said the pace of progress could accelerate following the Finance Committee's work.

That's because the bill that Baucus steered toward committee approval is viewed as the most middle-of-the-road of all the Democratic alternatives pending in Congress, and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and her lieutenants are now better able to calculate which elements they can accept and which they may want change in final compromise talks between the two houses.

Democrats were in control throughout a two-week debate in the Senate committee, and on the final day of deliberations rejected Republican attempts to strip out tax increases they said violated Obama's campaign promises.

They made a number of major changes in the final hours.

One would allow a new commission designed to wring savings from Medicare to recommend cuts in federal subsidies paid to low-income seniors who have prescription drug coverage under the program.

Other last-minute modifications were designed to build support among the Democratic rank and file and blunt any impact on millions of working class families.

One change would exempt millions of people from a requirement to purchase insurance that is currently in the bill and reduce the penalties on millions more who defy the mandate.

Another would narrow the impact of a proposed tax on high cost insurance policies.

A third would allow the states to negotiate for coverage for individuals and families with incomes slightly higher than the cutoff for the Medicaid programs that provides health care for the poor.

Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., said the proposal was based on a system in her home state that has resulted from lower-cost quality care as the state uses its purchasing power to negotiate better prices from insurance companies.

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THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Unemployment could hit 10%

WASHINGTON (AP) — The unemployment rate hasn't topped 10 percent since June 1983, but it could return to that painful level soon — possibly as early as this afternoon, when the Labor Department issues its monthly jobs report.

Even as the economy shows signs of life, some employers are still cutting jobs, and many more are reluctant to hire after enduring the worst recession since the 1930s.

A return to 10 percent unemployment could pose political problems for President Barack Obama, who pushed through an ambitious $787 billion stimulus package in February intended to "save or create" 3.5 million jobs by the end of 2010. The administration said earlier this month about 1 million jobs have been saved so far.

But Republicans charge the stimulus has been an expensive failure as a net total of about 3 million jobs have been lost since its passage.

IOC selecting 2016 Olympic host city

COPENHAGEN (AP) — The International Olympic Committee today was choosing the host of the 2016 Olympics , as Chicago, Tokyo, Rio de Janeiro and Madrid each got a last chance to sway and wow undecided members.

President Barack Obama delivered a deeply personal and rousing appeal, urging the IOC to select his adoptive hometown Chicago.

"Chicago is a city where the practical and the inspirational exist in harmony; where visionaries who made no small plans rebuilt after a great fire and taught the world to reach new heights," Obama told the IOC's members.

"I urge you to chose Chicago."

After years of hard work, lobbying, planning and hopes for the four cities, they were finally crossing the finishing line. Chicago went first, with a presentation of videos and speeches — capped by Obama's plea.

With the IOC's members sat silently before him, Obama explained how his family moved around a lot when he was a kid and "I never really had roots."

But in Chicago, he said, "I finally found a home."

An uncomfortable moment came in the question session, when an IOC member from Pakistan, Syed Shahid Ali, noted that going through U.S. customs can be a harrowing experience for foreigners.

Obama insisted on answering that himself, and said he wanted a Chicago Games to offer "a reminder that America at its best is open to the world."

The IOC's members start voting electronically in a secret ballot at 5:10 this afetrnoon.

The vote will take up to 30 minutes.

States not using aid for schools?

WASHINGTON (AP) — An internal watchdog at the Education Department says states are using money from the economic stimulus to plug budget holes instead of boosting aid for schools.

President Barack Obama did not intend for state lawmakers to simply cut state education spending and replace it with stimulus dollars.

But Congress made that tough to enforce, and the Education Department's inspector general said in a memo Thursday that some states are doing it.

That means instead of getting extra help to weather tough times, school districts and colleges could wind up with the same level of state aid or with cuts, even as local tax revenues plummet.

Education Secretary Arne Duncan said some states are flouting the president's wishes.

"From the very beginning, we have made it clear that this education stimulus funding is intended to supplement local education dollars, not replace them," Duncan said in a statement.

"States will be held accountable by the public and the department on how they used education funding," Duncan added.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

HARRISBURG (AP) — One player matched all five winning numbers drawn in Thursday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game and will collect a jackpot worth $225,000.

Lottery officials said 97 players matched four numbers and won $212 each; 3,767 players matched three numbers and won $9 each; and 41,484 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The winning numbers in Thursday evening's drawing of the Pennsylvania Lottery's "Cash 5" game were: 04-06-11-23-36

The Valley Independent Lottery Results

PENNSYLVANIA DAILY NUMBERS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	8-8-6
NIGHT PICK 3:	7-2-6
DAY PICK BIG 4:	9-0-3-9
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	9-1-5-1
DAY QUINTO:	2-6-9-9-3
NIGHT QUINTO:	5-5-2-9-1
TREASURE HUNT:	14-15-20-22-30
CASH 5:	4-6-11-23-36
MIX & MATCH:	5-4-12-2-9

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	0-6-8
NIGHT PICK 3:	8-3-2
DAY PICK 4:	9-8-9-9
NIGHT PICK 4:	2-3-8-5
ROLLING CASH 5:	2-15-27-31-38

WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2009

DAILY 3:	7-8-8
DAILY 4:	2-1-7-1
CASH 25:	3-7-10-13-17-22

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OUR OPINION

G-20 gains? Don't bank on them

For all the costs of Pittsburgh's G-20 summit of world leaders, what will be the return for Main Street America on this substantial public investment?

Probably nothing, if past summitry and punditry are any indication.

Tougher government regulations on banks and more-rigorous oversight of financial markets, among the press-release priorities issued at last week's confab, provide plenty of political pomp -- but little meaningful substance.

Whereas the U.S. argued that the world's largest banks should do more to ameliorate their risks -- by holding more capital, for example -- Europeans weren't buying it.

It's a tad difficult to iron out the world's multifaceted financial woes and provincial concerns when the G-20 itself has limited authority to actually implement its "visions." At best, the G-whiz approach to economic invigoration is a costly exercise in window dressing.

At worst, it's an invitation for haphazard government intrusions that don't fuel but choke free markets and private enterprise.

Consider the fate of the U.S. housing market. Federal meddlers pushed the unsustainable principle of "homeownership for all." That ushered in the rise of subprime mortgages and the ensuing financial devastation when borrowers defaulted on their loans.

Now imagine if the same or worse economic ignorance is applied across continents.

"President Obama should call on his fellow G-20 leaders to get back to work at home to reassert fiscal and monetary discipline in their countries, avoid excessive government interference (and) reopen their economies to trade ... ," writes James M. Roberts, a research fellow in economics at The Heritage Foundation.

VA must have something to hide

What does the Department of Veterans Affairs have to hide? Plenty, apparently, or it wouldn't wrongly be keeping inspection reports on its nursing homes nationwide from the public.

The VA already had a lot to answer for after the Trib obtained a report that said it "failed to provide a safe and sanitary environment" at its nursing home in Philadelphia. Problems noted included blood-stained floors, a fly infestation and an amputation necessitated by an infection too long left untreated.

Now the VA also has to answer for its decision, made less than a week after the Trib disclosed that Philly report, to ban release of all such reports. As justification, the VA cites a federal law aimed at improving quality that makes those reports "protected" documents that even the Freedom of Information Act can't pry from bureaucrats' hands.

Denying the public information critical to gauging that quality of care suggests the VA is less worried about how it cares for veterans than it is about covering its own behind when it's caught with its pants down. That stinks.

The VA is under congressional pressure to reverse its ban on releasing inspection reports. If that's what it takes to bring sunshine, the proverbial "best disinfectant," to darker aspects of VA care, so be it. But such disinfectant wouldn't be needed if the VA had its priorities in order.

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Is Iran nearing a bomb?

Pat **BUCHANAN**

That Iran is building a secret underground facility near the holy city of Qom, under custody of the Revolutionary Guard — too small to be a production center for nuclear fuel, but just right for the enrichment of uranium to weapons grade — is grounds for concern, but not panic.

Heretofore, all of Iran's nuclear facilities, even the enrichment plant at Natanz — kept secret before exiles blew the whistle in 2002 — have been consistent with a peaceful nuclear program.

Iran has also been on solid ground in claiming that, as signatory to the Non-Proliferation Treaty, she has a right to enrich uranium and operate nuclear plants, as long as she complies with treaty obligations.

Under the Safeguard Agreement to the NPT, these include notification, six months before a nuclear facility goes operational.

According to U.S. officials, construction of this site began in 2006 and is only months from completion. And Tehran did not report it to the International Atomic Energy Agency until a week ago, when they were tipped the Americans were onto it and about to go public.

Iran's explanation: This facility is benign, a backup to Natanz, to enable Iran to continue enriching uranium to fuel grade, should America or Israel bomb Natanz.

It is a hedge against attack. And contrary to what Barack Obama implies, the facility is designed to enrich uranium only to the 5 percent needed for nuclear fuel, not the 90 percent needed for nuclear weapons.

Still, the burden of proof is now upon Tehran.

President Ahmadinejad and Ayatollah Khamenei must convince IAEA inspectors this small secret facility that can house only 3,000 centrifuges has the same purpose as Natanz, which can house 58,000. Or they will be exposed as liars — to the West, to the Russians who have served as their defense counsel and to their own people.

For while Iranians are near unanimous in backing their national right to peaceful nuclear power, they do not all want nuclear weapons. And the Ayatollah has declared, ex cathedra, that Iran is not seeking them, and possession or use of such weapons is immoral and contrary to the teachings of Islam.

If Obama is right that the secret facility is "inconsistent with a peaceful program," but compatible with a weapons program, Ayatollah Khamenei has a credibility problem the size of Andrei Gromyko's, when he assured President Kennedy there were no Soviet missiles in Cuba.

And President Kennedy had the photos in his desk.

Diplomats have been called honest men sent abroad to lie for their country. But ayatollahs, as holy men, are not supposed to be descending to diplomatic duplicity.

Obama's dramatic announcement represents a coup for U.S. intelligence, but it also raises questions.

Reportedly, we have known of this Qom facility "for several years." Yet, in late 2007, the National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) said that U.S. agencies had "moderate confidence" that Iran had ended any nuclear weapons program in 2003.

In August, Walter Pincus, in a Washington Post story — "Iran Years From Fuel for Bomb, Report Says" — wrote, "Despite Iran's progress since 2007 toward producing enriched uranium, the State Department intelligence analysts continue to think that Tehran will not be able to produce weapons-grade material before 2013."

This was the judgment of the State Department Bureau of Intelligence and Research, based on "Iran's technical capability."

Query: If State's top intelligence analysts, this year, did not think Iran could enrich to weapons grade until 2013, had they been kept in the dark about the secret facility near Qom?

Two weeks ago, in a Web exclusive, Mark Hosenball wrote, "The U.S. intelligence community is reporting to the White House that Iran has not restarted its nuclear weapons development program, two counter-proliferation officials tell Newsweek."

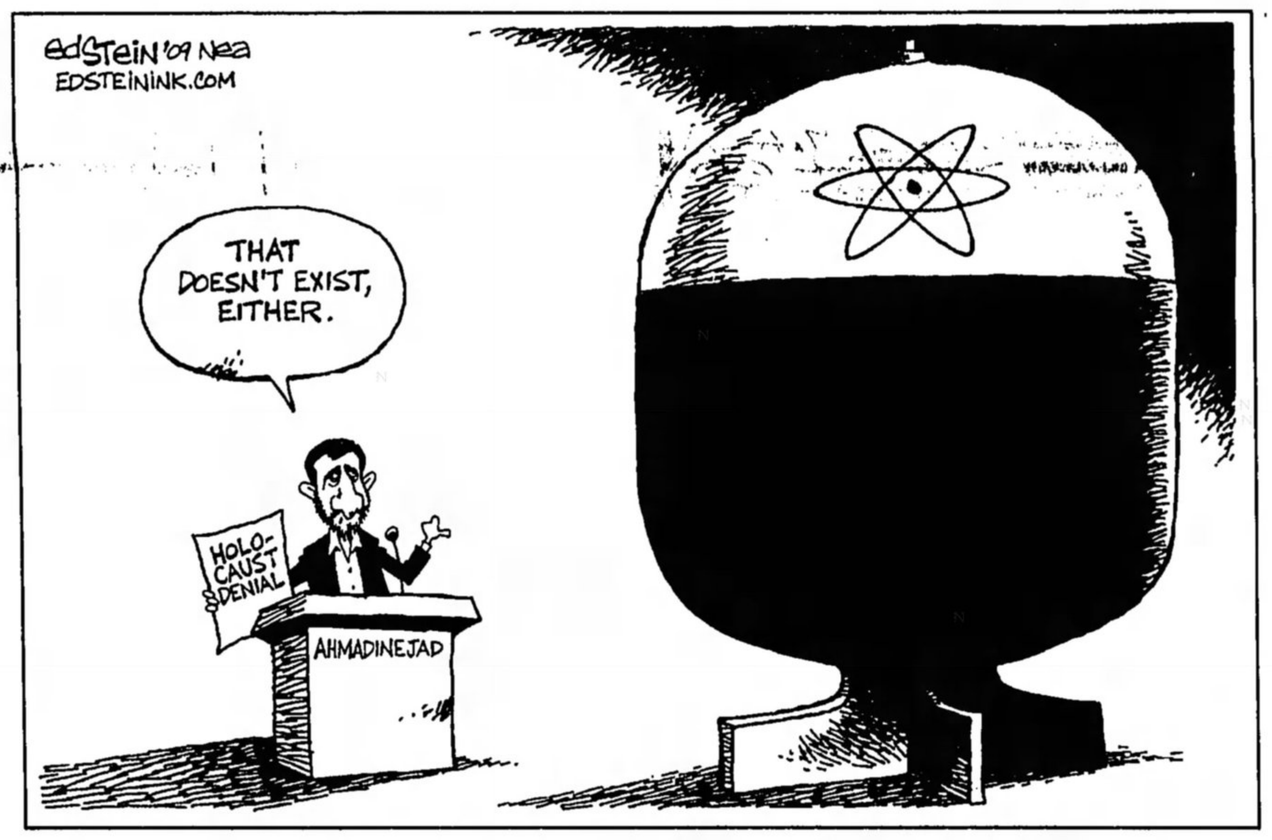
The officials told the White House the conclusion of the 2007 NIE — i.e., Iran had halted its weapons program in 2003 — stood.

Were these two counter-proliferation officials also out of the loop on the secret site? Or did they know of it, but fail to share the sense of alarm and urgency President Obama showed last week?

Despite last week's revelation, the Obama policy of talking to Tehran makes sense. Whatever the ayatollah's intentions, IAEA inspectors have his lone ton of low-enriched uranium at Natanz under observation. To enrich it to weapons grade, it must be moved.

America's twin goals here are correct, compatible and by no means unattainable: no nukes in Iran, no war with Iran.

Bombing would unite that divided country behind a regime whose repressed people detest far more than we, as they have to live under it. Patience and perseverance, as in the Cold War, may be rewarded with the disintegration of a state that is today divided against itself.



Rules put U.S. troops in danger

Byron **York**

There was an international uproar when, on Sept. 4, in Afghanistan's Kunduz Province, an American fighter jet under NATO command bombed a group of Taliban fighters who had hijacked two fuel tanker trucks. The trucks exploded, the fighters were killed, and so were a still-undetermined number of Afghan civilians.

The civilian deaths sent shudders through the American military command, already fearful that civilian casualties would further alienate the Afghan public. Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the top American commander in Afghanistan, was said to be angry and determined to tighten the U.S. force's already strict rules of engagement even more to avoid future civilian deaths.

Then something odd happened. When McChrystal met with local leaders in Kunduz, a few days after the bombing, he got an earful — but not what he expected.

According to a detailed account in the Washington Post — a story that has received too little attention in the ongoing debate over U.S. policy in Afghanistan — local Afghan leaders told McChrystal to stop being so fussy and to go ahead and kill the enemy, which they said would help bring stability to the region.

Post reporter Rajiv Chandrasekaran was given extraordinary access to the bombing investigation. According to his account, McChrystal began the meeting with a show of sympathy for those who had been killed or wounded. The general didn't get very far before the provincial council chairman, Ahmadullah Wardak, interrupted him.

The security situation has been getting worse in Kunduz, Wardak told McChrystal. American and NATO troops haven't been aggressive enough in pursuing and killing the Taliban. In Wardak's view, the bombing of the fuel tankers, rather than a mistake, was the right thing to do.

"If we do three more operations like was done the other night, stability will come to Kunduz," Wardak said, according to the Post account. "If people do not want to live in peace and harmony, that's not our fault."

Chandrasekaran reported that McChrystal "seemed caught off guard." Wardak clarified a bit more: "We've been too nice to the thugs," he said.

So instead of receiving an angry lecture on America's disregard for Afghan life, the general received an angry lecture on America's hesitance to go after the enemy.

Cut from that scene to a letter written to Sen. Susan Collins last July. It was from a New Portland, Maine, man named John Bernard, father of Lance Cpl. Joshua Bernard, then serving with the Marines in Afghanistan.

John Bernard, himself a 26-year veteran of the Marines, was enraged by the military's new, restrictive rules of engagement in Afghanistan. The rules are "nothing less than disgraceful, immoral and fatal for our Marines, sailors and soldiers on the ground," Bernard wrote. Under those rules, U.S. forces "without reinforcement, denial of fire support and refusal to allow them to hunt and kill the very enemy we are there to confront are nothing more than sitting ducks."

The letter, disturbing at the time, became heartbreaking three weeks later, when Joshua Bernard was killed fighting the Taliban in Helmand Province.

His death became national news when the Associated Press published a clearly inappropriate photo of Bernard as he lay wounded. But the bigger news should have been his father's concerns about the rules of engagement.

Now cut again, this time to Sept. 8, when four U.S. Marines were killed when the Taliban ambushed their patrol in Kunar Province. The Marines were taken completely by surprise and pinned down under heavy Taliban fire. Embedded McClatchy reporter Jonathan Landay wrote a harrowing account of their desperate battle to survive.

The rules of engagement again played a role. "U.S. commanders, citing new rules to avoid civilian casualties, rejected repeated calls to unleash artillery rounds at attackers dug into the slopes and tree lines," Landay wrote, "despite being told repeatedly that they weren't near the village."

Will the president listen to John Bernard, to the troops who are fighting under tight restrictions and even to Ahmadullah Wardak? Will he let them fight the fight?

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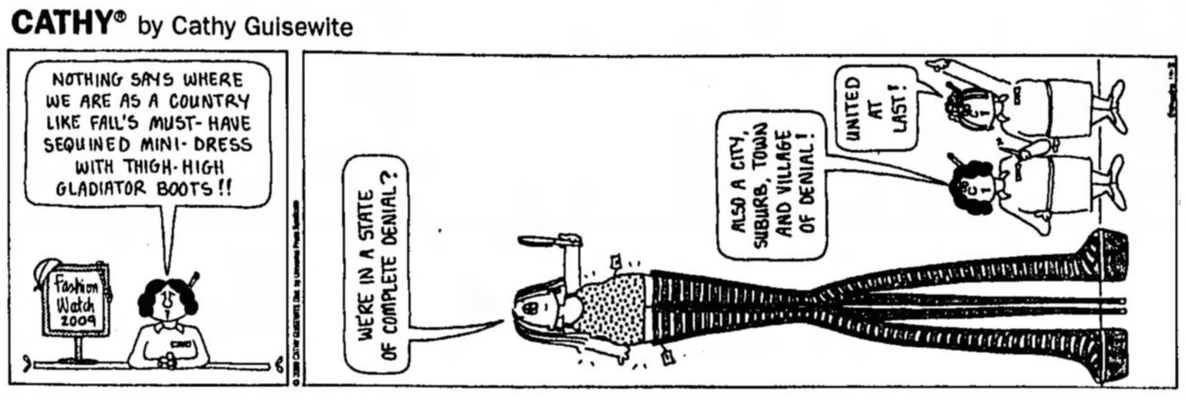
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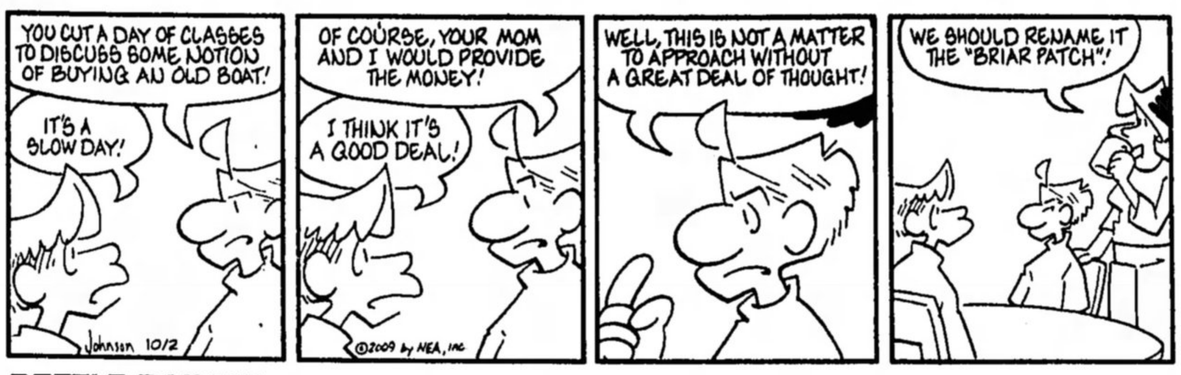
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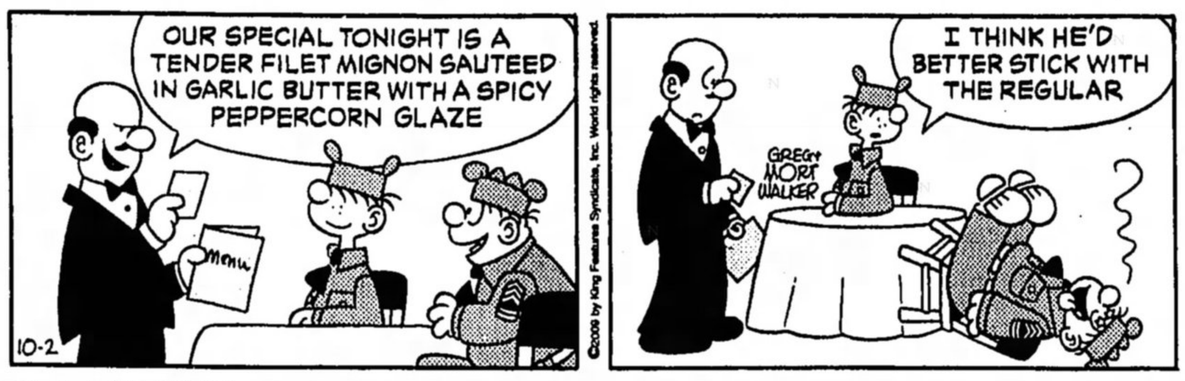
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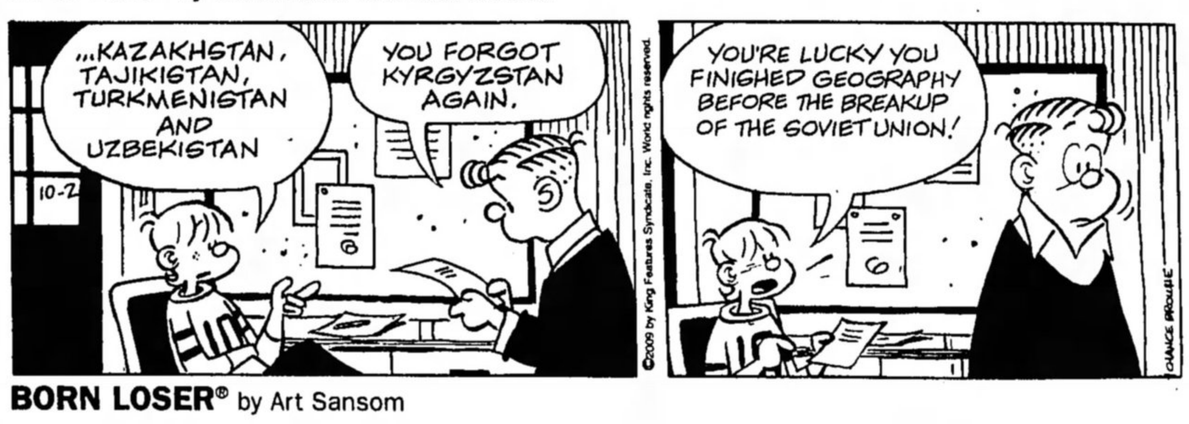
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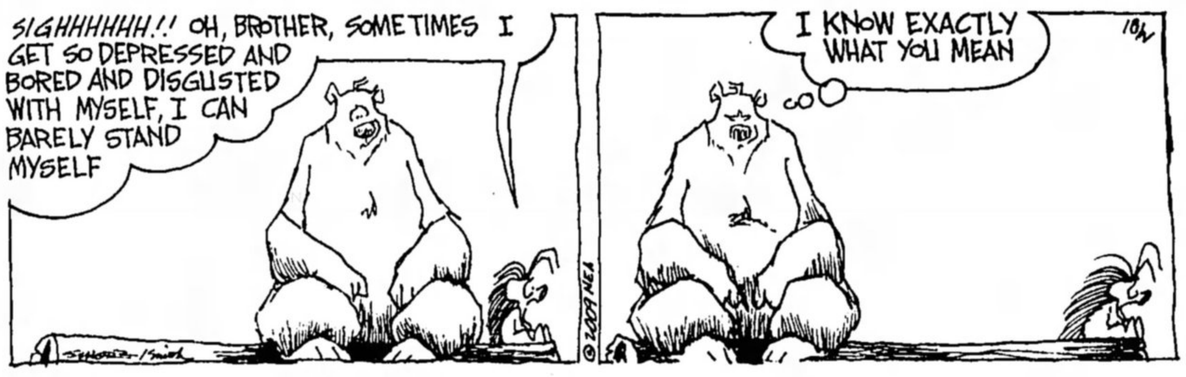
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I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU MEAN
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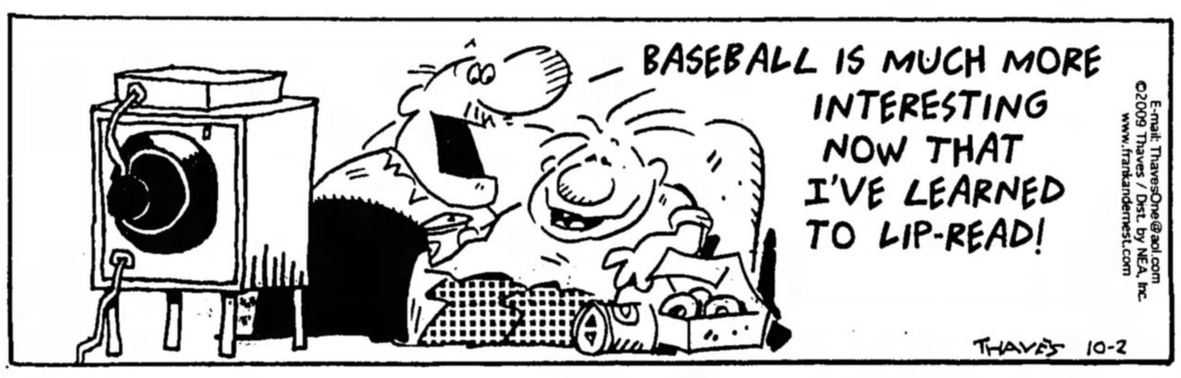
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APPARENTLY HE FINALLY AGREED TO COMPROMISE
HE'S WILLING TO FLY COMMERCIAL PART OF THE TIME?
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NO, BUT HE'S WILLING TO BRING HIS OWN SNACKS
WHAT A TROUPER

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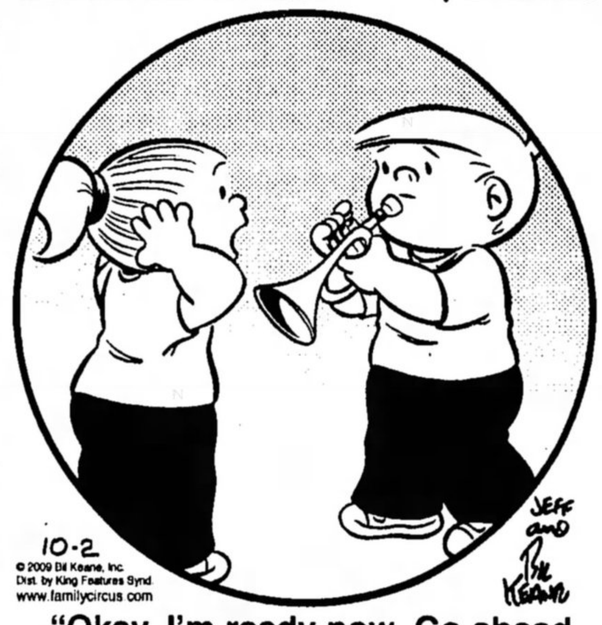

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YOU'RE VOTING FOR MARCUS?
I'M VOTING FOR NATE.
YOU AND MARCUS ARE THE KING AND QUEEN OF EVERYTHING! I WANT SOMEONE ELSE TO HAVE A CHANCE!
FEEL THE MOMENTUM!
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WE'LL STICK TO OUR FISHING AND JUST HOPE WE DON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS!
JACK ELROD
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MY FRIENDS WILL NEVER BELIEVE ME WHEN I TELL THEM ABOUT THIS TRIP!
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SUDOKU

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Conceptis SudoKu By Dave Green

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1 Best medicine?
4 Nature's bandage
8 Zoom on runners
11 Tigger's pal
12 Clay pot
13 Large vat
14 The chills
15 Zero
16 Equator segment
17 Nat's daughter
19 Bed on a ship
21 Snapshot
22 Earthquake
23 Frizzy hairdos
26 Prone
28 Dead heat
29 A Beatle
31 Non-soap opera
33 Tar's patron saint
35 Pocket bread
37 Remind too often
38 Aerie builders
40 Fluid rock
42 Bearded flower
43 Herd animal
44 Doctrine
46 Wood protector
50 Yale athlete
51 Get introduced
53 Not working
54 Common ID
55 Try to influence
56 Fritz's refusal
57 Give in the middle
58 Dry up
59 Traipse

DOWN

1 Frat-party attire
2 Boor
3 El — (inferior)
4 Kind of boom
5 Hint
6 Each and every
7 Rocky's last name
8 Unexpected
9 Waldheim or Cobain
10 Creep along
11 Pie container
18 Mispronounce "s"
20 Island off Italy
22 Dump
23 Eroded
24 Emery board
25 Left
26 Tiant of baseball
27 Red-waxed cheese
30 Fossey's friends
32 Turkish potentate
34 Hideous giant
36 Bing Crosby tune
39 Chem-lab paper
41 Shade provider
43 Provide food
44 Dick Tracy's wife
45 Movie lioness
46 First-magnitude star
47 Notion
48 Skidded
49 Biddy
52 Prior to

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Seniors worry about impact of health care overhaul

Older Americans concerned that Medicare cuts will result in lower quality of care.

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Medicare is looking like a big fat piggy bank for health care overhaul.

President Barack Obama and the Democrats want to pay for much of their plan to cover the uninsured by cutting hundreds of billions from the Medicare budget over the next 10 years.

From its inception, the health plan for seniors has been kept afloat by taxes out of workers' paychecks. Now, Medicare savings would count toward helping uninsured working-age children and grandchildren afford their own coverage.

Most seniors are willing to help younger generations. But having reached that point in life when you have to spend more time in the doctor's office than you'd prefer to, older Americans worry the cuts will mean lower quality care.

The proposed cuts to hospitals, nursing homes and other providers are bigger than any Congress has imposed since the late 1990s. However, in percentage terms, they're far from the largest ever. And Democrats are also proposing to spend tens of billions to improve Medicare prescription coverage and preventive care.

"Seniors should definitely be paying attention," said Mark McClellan, who ran Medicare under President George W. Bush. "There's some redesign, some improvements, but unquestionably there would be some adverse impacts. It's a mixed bag, but it's not like the sky is falling."

Here are some questions and answers on how the health care overhaul would affect Medicare beneficiaries:

Q: Obama says no one is talking about cutting Medicare benefits, is he mistaken?

A: He might want to add a caveat.

Benefits under traditional Medicare won't be cut. But seniors who've signed up for private insurance plans through Medicare Advantage could lose valuable extra benefits, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

For years, the government has been paying the private plans more than it costs traditional Medicare to deliver similar services. The plans used the money to provide extra benefits — mainly lower copayments and deductibles. Seniors on tight budgets responded by signing up, and now nearly one-fourth of Medicare recipients are in private plans.

As Obama and the Democrats wean private plans off their subsidies, beneficiaries will suffer the consequences.

"Some beneficiaries will lose additional benefits they have been fortunate to have been receiving," said Robert Berenson, a physician turned Medicare expert at the Urban Institute public policy center. "They are likely to see higher out-of-pocket costs, and it's likely that some plans will drop out of the program."

On the other hand, everyone on Medicare will save a little on their monthly premiums as payments to private plans are scaled back.

Q: How extensive are these cuts anyway?

A: In dollar amounts, they're huge. They appear more manageable when viewed as a share of overall Medicare spending.

After accounting for proposed Medicare improvements, the House plan would reduce net spending on the program by $218 billion over 10 years, according to an analysis by the Kaiser Family Foundation. The Senate Finance Committee proposal would decrease net spending by $377 billion over the same period.

Kaiser found that the House cuts amount to 3 percent of projected Medicare spending from 2010-2019, while the Senate reductions are about 5 percent.

By comparison, the 1997 balanced budget bill passed by a Republican Congress and signed into law by then-Democratic President Bill Clinton reduced Medicare spending by 12 percent over 10 years.

Research indicates that as much as 30 percent of Medicare spending goes for services that are of questionable value to patients.

Q: With all these cuts, how can Obama claim he's improving benefits?

A: By offering cheaper prescription drugs.

Under a deal with the White House, drugmakers would offer a 50 percent discount on brand-name prescriptions for beneficiaries who fall into the "doughnut hole," the notorious Medicare coverage gap. House Democrats want to eliminate the doughnut hole by 2023, but drug industry opposition may thwart them.

Coverage for preventive care would also get better. The House and Senate bills eliminate copayments and deductibles for prevention. The House would also increase subsidies to help low-income seniors with copayments and deductibles.

"When you look at the improvements in traditional Medicare — filling the doughnut hole, free prevention, help for low-income seniors — I think all of those things narrow the gap between what Medicare Advantage has been providing and what traditional Medicare provides," said John Rother, top strategist for AARP. "In effect, they are improving the benefit for everyone."

Q: I keep hearing that Congress wants Medicare to pay for quality, not quantity. What does the legislation say?

A: The bills would launch several experiments to reorganize how doctors and hospitals care for patients, particularly seniors with chronic illnesses. If the tests work, lessons could be rapidly adopted throughout Medicare. Two major ones deal with "medical homes" and "accountable care organizations." Here's the background:

Seniors with several chronic illnesses see many different doctors a year, and juggle dozens of prescriptions.

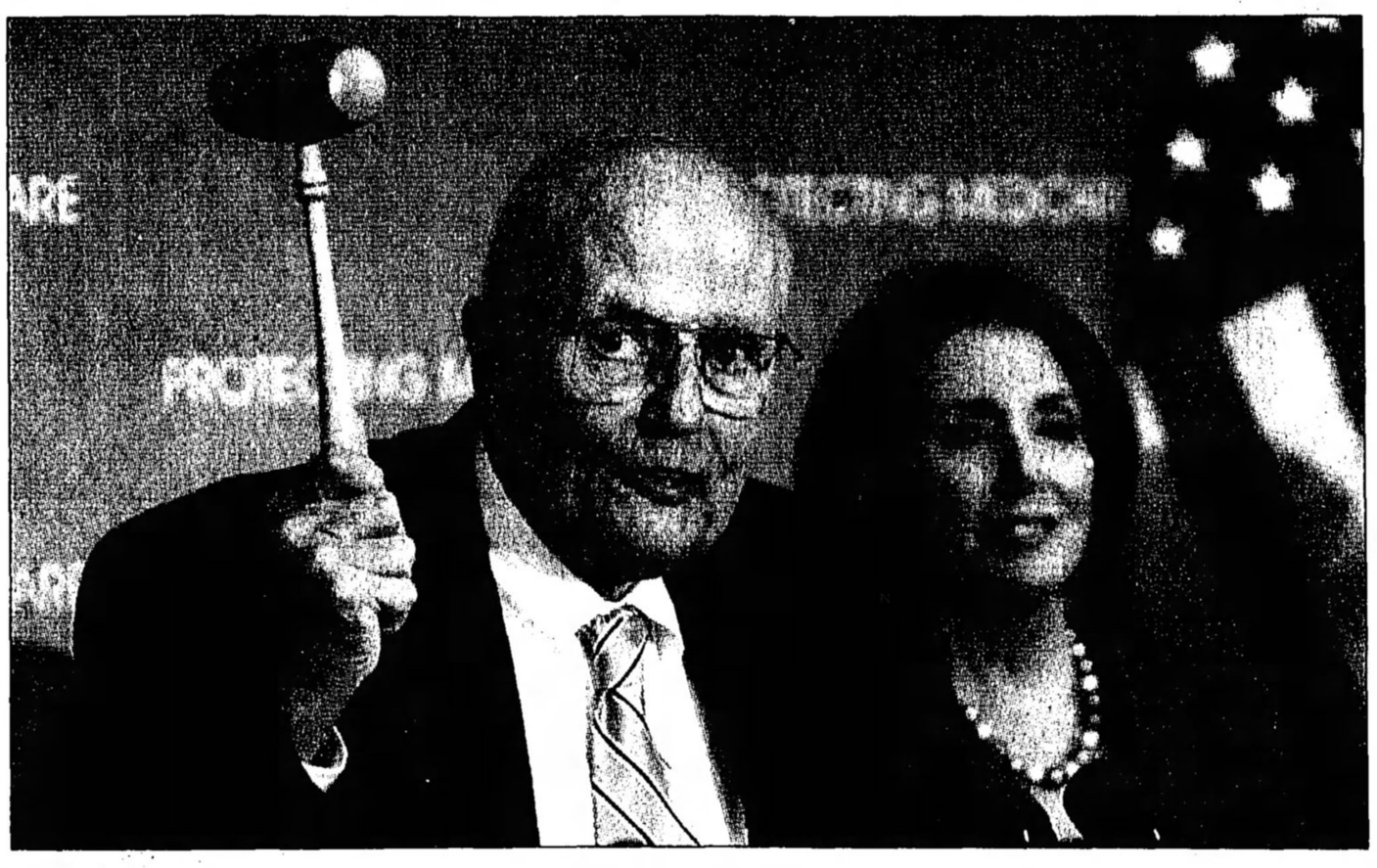
If they had a "medical home," a general practice doctor would take on the role of patient advocate and care coordinator. That could be as basic as ensuring one specialist doesn't recommend medication that reacts against a drug another doctor has prescribed — unintentionally sending the patient to the emergency room.

An "accountable care organization" is a network of hospitals, nursing homes, doctors' offices and other providers who work together to provide the best possible care, while trying to operate efficiently and hold down costs. Models include Minnesota's Mayo Clinic and Intermountain Healthcare in Utah.

Lawmakers will be looking carefully to see how beneficiaries and providers in their home states are affected by the proposals.

More changes are in store in coming years.

For Baby Boomers, it may not look a whole lot like grandma's Medicare.



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U.S. Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., holds up the gavel he used as speaker pro tempore when Medicare passed in 1965, during a news conference on seniors and health care reform with Speaker of the House Speaker Nancy Pelosi earlier this week on Capitol Hill in Washington.

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Here's a rundown on activities scheduled at local senior centers for nect week:

BROWNSVILLE

Monday – 10:30, games and socializing; 12:30, bingo.

Tuesday – 10, ceramics, 10:30, skat and socializing; 1, bingo.

Wednesday – 10:30, games and socializing; 11:15, sit 'n fit exercise class; 11:45, wild pill drawing and lucky five drawing; 1, bowling and bingo.

Thursday – 10:30, skat and socializing; 12:30, cards and bingo.

Friday – 10, skat, pokeno and socializing; 1, bingo.

CENTER ON THE HILL

Monday – 10:30, bingo, 11, canasta; 12:45, euchre; 6:30, pinochle.

Tuesday – 9:30, video exercise; 10:30, bingo; 11, crafts; 1, card club; pinochle; 7, euchre.

Wednesday – 10:30, bingo, Bible study; 11:30, blood pressures; 1, country jam session.

Thursday – Blood pressures with Marilyn-MV Hospital, 9:30, video exercise; 10:30, bingo.

Friday – 10:30, bingo.

RIVERSIDE PLACE (CHARLEROI)

Monday – 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; 10, yoga classes, exercise for arthritis; 11:30, bingo; 1, darts; 4:45, zumba; Wii, jigsaw puzzles.

Tuesday – 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; 11:30, bingo; jigsaw puzzles; Wii (video games); 5, yoga classes.

Wednesday – 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; 11, Transportation with Washington Rides, silver sneakers; 11:30, bingo; 1, big bingo, Wii; jigsaw puzzles; 7, MV Community Band rehearsals.

Thursday – 8:30, fitness room; 9-noon, flu shots; dance town; 10, exercise for arthritis; 11, Property tax/rent rebates; 11:30, bingo; Wii; jigsaw puzzles; 1, darts.

Friday – 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; 10-noon, pizza; 11:30, bingo; jigsaw puzzles; Wii.

MONONGAHELA

Monday – 11:30, bingo; 1, cards; jigsaw puzzles.

Tuesday – 9, crafts; 10, blood pressures with Della Sheehan; 11:30, bingo; 1:30, bingo; 1, cards, darts; jigsaw puzzles; 6, Thursday evening social.

Wednesday – dominoes, 11:30, bingo; 1, cards; jigsaw puzzles.

Thursday – 11:30, bingo; 1, cards; jigsaw puzzles; 6, Thursday night social.

Friday – 11:30, bingo; 1, cards, jigsaw puzzles.

DONORA

Monday – 10, line dancing; 11-1, blood pressures; 11:45, bingo; 1, bingo.

Tuesday – 11:45, bingo; 1, cards and pokeno, bingo.

Wednesday – 10, beginners' line dancing; 11:45, bingo.

Thursday – 11:45, bingo; 1, cards and pokeno.

Friday – 11:45, bingo.

PERRYOPOLIS

Monday – 9, poker club, card club; 10, healthy steps; 1, cards and table games; jigsaw puzzles.

Tuesday – 8, walking; 10, sing along, pinochle, singalong; 1, pickin and grinning; jigsaw puzzles.

Wednesday – 8, walking; 9:30, bingo, jigsaw puzzles.

Thursday – 8, walking; 9, ceramics; 10, healthy steps; 1, crafts; jigsaw puzzles.

Friday – 8, walking; 9:30, bingo; jigsaw puzzles and games.

SENIOR CENTER MENUS

Here's a look at lunch menus for local senior citizen centers for next week:

Center on the Hill, Donora, Monongahela Perryopolis and Riverside Place

Monday – Hamburger
Tuesday – Baked chicken
Wednesday – Baked ham
Thursday – Spaghetti with meatballs
Friday – Baked fish

Monessen and West Newton

Monday – Beef stew
Tuesday – Kielbassi in tomato sauce
Wednesday – Chicken patty
Thursday – Ham salad
Friday – Cube steak

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Dark horse Broncos

With a No. 5 ranking, Boise State is still a dark horse at best to reach the national championship game. **2B**

Valley SPORTS

BVA booters post shutout

The Leps remained stingy as they held the opposition scoreless for the seventh time this season. **3B**

WVU rolls, 35-24

West Virginia and Noel Devine exploded in the second half en route to a big win over Colorado. **3B**

Sports Trivia

Who are the only four Pittsburgh Steelers to have over 300 carries in a season? **3B**

Last night's scores

Washington 4, Boston 1
Montreal 4, Toronto 3, OT
Colorado 5, San Jose 2
Calgary 5, Vancouver 3

Can Hounds beat a winner?

Beth-Center visits Memorial Stadium in T-C South showdown.

By BRIAN HERMAN
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No one has to tell Monessen High football coach Andy Pacak about the importance of the Greyhounds' Tri-County South Conference game tonight with defending champion Beth-Center at Memorial Stadium.

"Before the season started, I said the fifth week we'd know where we're at," he said.

Well, this is the fifth week and as expected the Greyhounds (2-2, 2-0) and Bulldogs (3-1, 2-0) are among the teams at the top of the conference standings

Coached for the 11th year by Ed Woods, Beth-Center has romped after being switched from the Black Hills to the Tri-County South a year ago.

The Bulldogs went 7-0 in the conference, winning by an average of 40 points. Their only two close games were a 35-13 win over Monessen and a 27-7 decision over California.

Despite seeing 1,000-yard rusher Josh Lockett move out of state and talented junior running back Jeff Tarley not come back, Beth-Center hasn't missed much of a beat in 2009.

The Bulldogs coasted to a 28-6 win at Carmichaels before clobbering previously unbeaten Jefferson-Morgan, 44-13.

The only blemish on Beth-Center's record is a 7-6 loss to Burgettstown when the Bulldogs went for the two-pointer in the fourth quarter instead of settling for a tie.

"They're physical and come off the ball," said Pacak. "They're the same type of team as last year."

Two sophomores - quarterback Sal Faieta and running back Deshan Brown - have played major roles on offense.

Brown is coming off a 143-yard rushing game against Jefferson-Morgan and has scored seven touchdowns.

Against Carmichaels, Brown returned a punt 75 yards for a touchdown and a fumble 30 yards for ascore in the second quarter and opened the second half by returning the kickoff 70 yards for six points.

Tyler Miller, a 6-6, 270 pounder, is the Bulldogs' top lineman and drawing the attention of college recruiters.

The Bulldogs' defense ranks among the better ones in the WPIAL, allowing an average of 164 total offense yards and only five touchdowns.

Monessen, meanwhile, will be attempting to change its recent "big game" fortunes.

The Greyhounds are 1-6 in their last seven crucial contests with last year's first round playoff win over Serra being tainted when the Eagles had to play without their star quarterback, TJ Heatherington.

In the other six games, Monessen was outscored 203-13, with three of the defeats to Clairton, two to Rochester and one to Beth-Center. The Hounds were shut out in five of those losses.

After getting blanked in this season's first two games by WPIAL powerhouses Rochester and Clairton, Monessen has scored 73 points against the Tri-County South's Mapletown and West Greene; both winless teams.

"We're starting to figure things out

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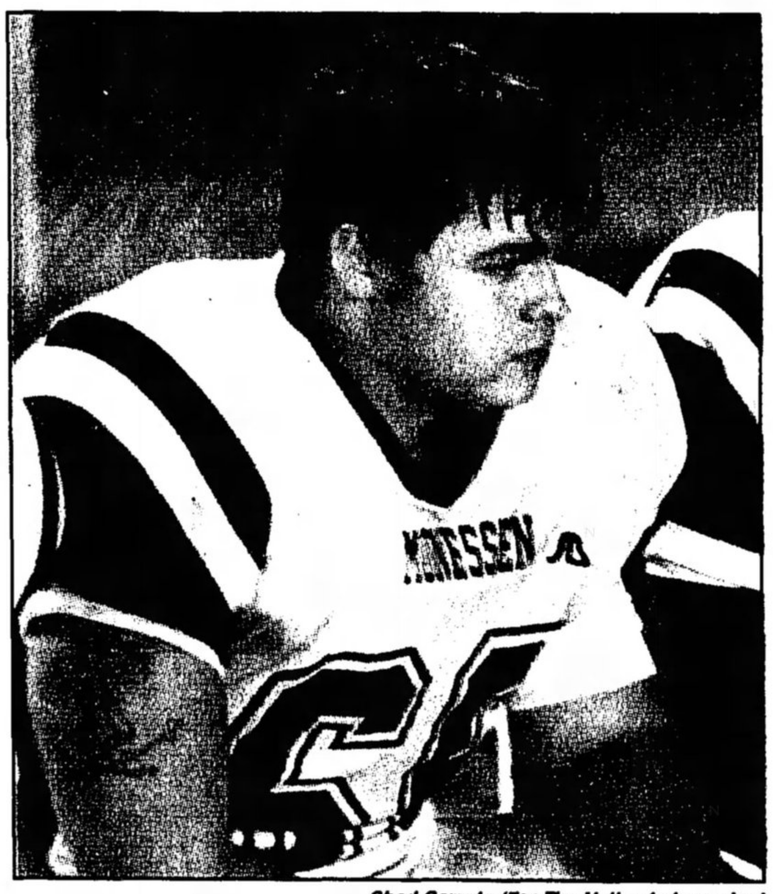

Chad Carroto/For The Valley Independent

Lineman James Shuma will return to the Monessen lineup for tonight's big game.

Cal-IUP never just another football game

Akwasi Owusu-Ansah

PSAC West foes have had a long, storied rivalry.

By BRIAN HERMAN
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Saturday's PSAC West contest at Indiana's Miller Stadium between co-leading California (3-2, 2-0) and IUP (3-2, 0-2) lost some of its luster when the Crimson Hawks dropped their last two games.

Thee's still plenty at stake, however, in one of the conference's top rivalries.

California is going after its fourth-straight win and eyeing a return to the national rankings.

IIUP hasn't had a losing season since 1982 when it was also the last time the team started out 0-2 in the West.

Injuries played a key role in both of IUP's defeats.

Three starters - wide receiver Javon Rowan and free safety Andre Henderson and All-America cornerback Akwasi Owusu-Anash - went to the sidelines in the 20-16 loss to Mercyhurst in Erie.

Junior tailback Tobias Robinson, the conference's leading rusher, left in the second quarter of the 7-3 setback to Slippery Rock with a hamstring injury.

As far as Cal coach John Luckhardt is concerned, IUP is as good as ever.

"They're extremely talented," he said.

The most talented is Owusu-Ansah, a 6-1, 205-pound senior who's drawn the attention of NFL scouts and s expected to get drafted.

Owusu-Ansah led the conference in interceptions last year with eight, including a school-record three against Gannon.

Besides starring in the secondary, Owusu-Ansah is one of the country's premier return specialists. His 35.5-yard kick return average is third in the nation and his 6.6-yard punt return stat is third in the conference.

Owusu-Ansah returned the second half kickoff 89 yards for a touchdown in IUP's 28-21 win over Southern Connecticut and he started the second half against Slippery Rock with a 51-yard return which set up the Crimson Hawks' field goal.

Robinson, who's expected to play against the Vulcans, had three straight 100 yard games before getting hurt. For the season he's gained 513 yards.

Last year Robinson gained 1,203 yards and scored 13 touchdowns.

Cal's defense, however, limited Robinson to six yards on 10 carries in the Vulcans' 21-19 win at Adamson Stadium.

IUP quarterback Andrew Krewatch will be starting his fourth game against the Vulcans.

In the 21-17 IUP win at Adamson Stadium as a freshman, Krewatch completed 24 of 41 passes for 348 yards and three touchdowns.

Krewatch hit 21 of 50 for 253 yards and a touchdown and 12 of 27 for 146 yards and two touchdowns in the losses to Cal.

Despite being one of the top passers in the school's history, Krewatch was pulled after his third interception against the Rock and replaced by redshirt freshman Pat Smith.

Krewatch underwent an MRI earlier in the week which showed he has tendonitis in his right (throwing) shoulder.

IUP's defense, meanwhile, is second in the conference in total defense allowing 266 yards - 95 rushing and 171 passing.

"Their defense is very good," noted Luckhardt.

The Crimson Hawks held the Rock to eight first downs and 105 total offense yards.

Cal junior quarterback Josh Portis, meanwhile, has sparked the Vulcans' three-game win streak with 10 touchdown passes and only one interception.

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Mendenhall tries to get past the past

Steelers RB says he has learned a lesson.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The running back was confused about his assignments and didn't appear to know his playbook, so he found himself on the bench. No carries, no yardage, no recognition.

Happens all the time in Pop Warner football, and high school ball, too. College football? Not so often. The NFL? C'mon, you've got to be kidding.

Rashard Mendenhall is the embarrassed exception.

One week after tearing off a 39-yard run against Chicago that demonstrated some of the ability that caused the Pittsburgh Steelers to make him a first-round draft pick last year, he didn't carry once against Cincinnati.

Coach Mike Tomlin denied him the ball, effectively saying that if Mendenhall played like he practiced, he didn't want to see what might happen in a game that counted.

Now, with the Steelers (1-2) facing a pivotal game Sunday against the San Diego Chargers (2-1), the Steelers want to see if Mendenhall is getting the message before they give him the ball. Even if Willie Parker's big toe injury might leave them with no other option other than Mendenhall and third-down back Mewelde Moore.

"We're here now, that's in the past, it's another week," Mendenhall said.

What Mendenhall must be concerned about is whether the Steelers are willing to put his bad week into the past so quickly, since he has repeatedly disappointed them.

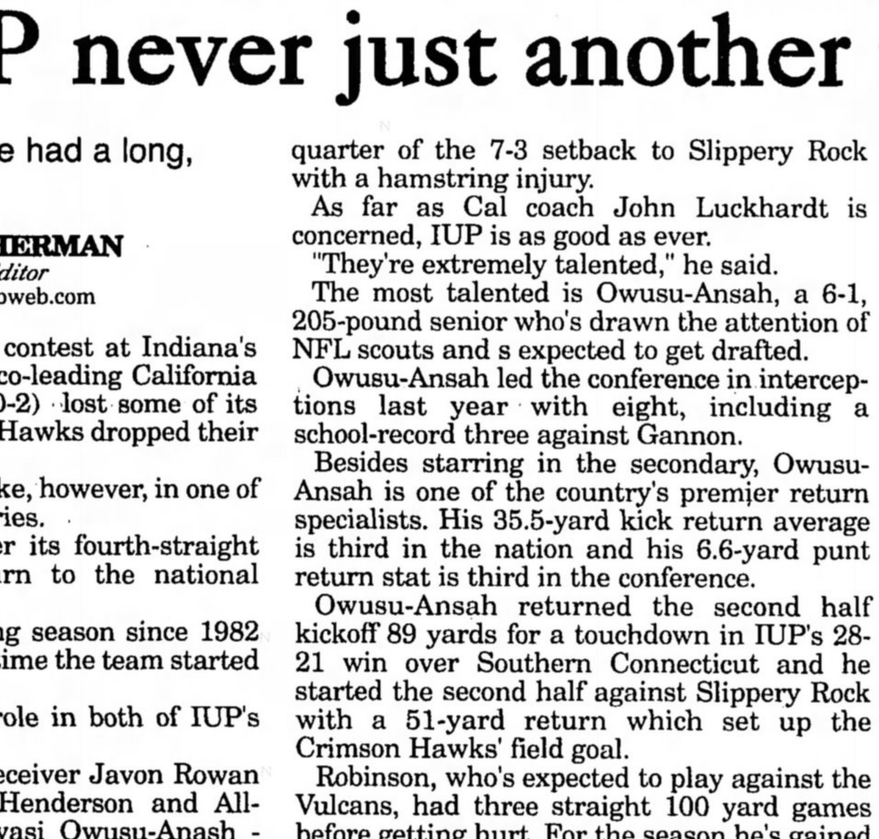
A year ago this week, he irritated them by bragging to a friend with Baltimore that he expected a big game against the Ravens. Baltimore's defense was motivated by the comments, and linebacker Ray Lewis put him out for the season with a fractured shoulder.

The Steelers didn't see much of Mendenhall after that as he only occasionally stopped by their practice complex during his rehabilitation. He said he spent some time going to museums and doing the things football players don't normally do during the season. Especially Steelers players, injured or not.

It didn't help when he had an ineffective training camp this summer, again failing to flash the strong cutting ability, durability and power he displayed in college at Illinois.

"It's a learning experience," Mendenhall said. "You learn in the NFL that the minor things are major, so you have to stay on top of everything. I just look forward to getting an opportunity to get to play and show the fans and my teammates what I can do."

The Steelers are waiting to see it, too. Parker, a three-time 1,200-yard runner, is unsigned past this season and the job was expected to go to Mendenhall if



Steelers running back Rashard Mendenhall is looking ahead to more playing time.

Parker didn't return.

Tomlin said that if a player such as Hines Ward is momentarily confused and doesn't run the correct pass route, a coach simply moves on. But that coach can't be as forgiving if a young player such as Mendenhall or wide receiver Limas Sweed makes such a mistake.

A week after Mendenhall was stuck to the bench except on special teams plays, Sweed may find himself there this week. Sweed dropped a pass in the end zone Sunday during the 23-20 loss in Cincinnati, much like he dropped what would have been a key reception during the AFC championship game against Baltimore in January.

Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me. Twice was enough for Tomlin, who hinted Sweed won't see the ball again until the Steelers are convinced he won't drop it.

Mendenhall's change for redemption may arrive a little sooner.

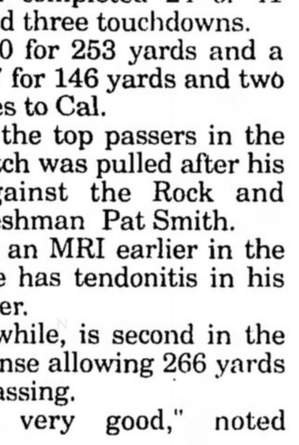
"Young guys ... have to make coaches comfortable with their ability to execute details of their assignment," Tomlin said. "They need to make the other guys in the huddle very comfortable with their ability to execute."

Interestingly, Parker tried to deflect some of the heat, saying he was so hard on Mendenhall last week it might have been distracting.

(See MENDENHALL, Page 4B)

Bylsma facing a tough act to follow

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Dan Bylsma will stand behind the Pittsburgh Penguins' bench in an NHL season opener for the first time tonight against the New York Rangers, and he knows it will be impossible not to be excited. His first camp is over, his players are comfortable with his system, the long season awaits.



Bylsma

It's not much different from the way new coaches Todd Richards in Minnesota and Joe Sacco in Colorado are feeling. Except for this: Bylsma won the Stanley Cup less than four months ago.

Because he did, Bylsma now has one of the difficult acts in NHL coaching history to follow — his own. Bylsma was only the second rookie coach to win the Stanley Cup after taking over a team during the season, and he's already lasted in his job longer than the first to do it.

Al MacNeil rescued Montreal in 1971 by replacing Claude Ruel and raising the Stanley Cup following a final-round comeback against Chicago, only to be rewarded with a demotion to the Canadiens' AHL team. MacNeil didn't become an NHL head coach again for eight seasons.

"Wow. I didn't know I had a chance to be fired this summer," Bylsma said Thursday.

No chance for that. Not after Bylsma took over a talented but confused and system-strangled team that had lost 30 of its first 57 games and accomplished one of the NHL's most remarkable in-season turnarounds. The Penguins were 10th in the 15-team Eastern Conference when Bylsma took over on Feb. 15 and appeared to have little chance to make the playoffs, only to go 34-11-4 under their new coach, counting the postseason.

The way they kept rallying was special, too.

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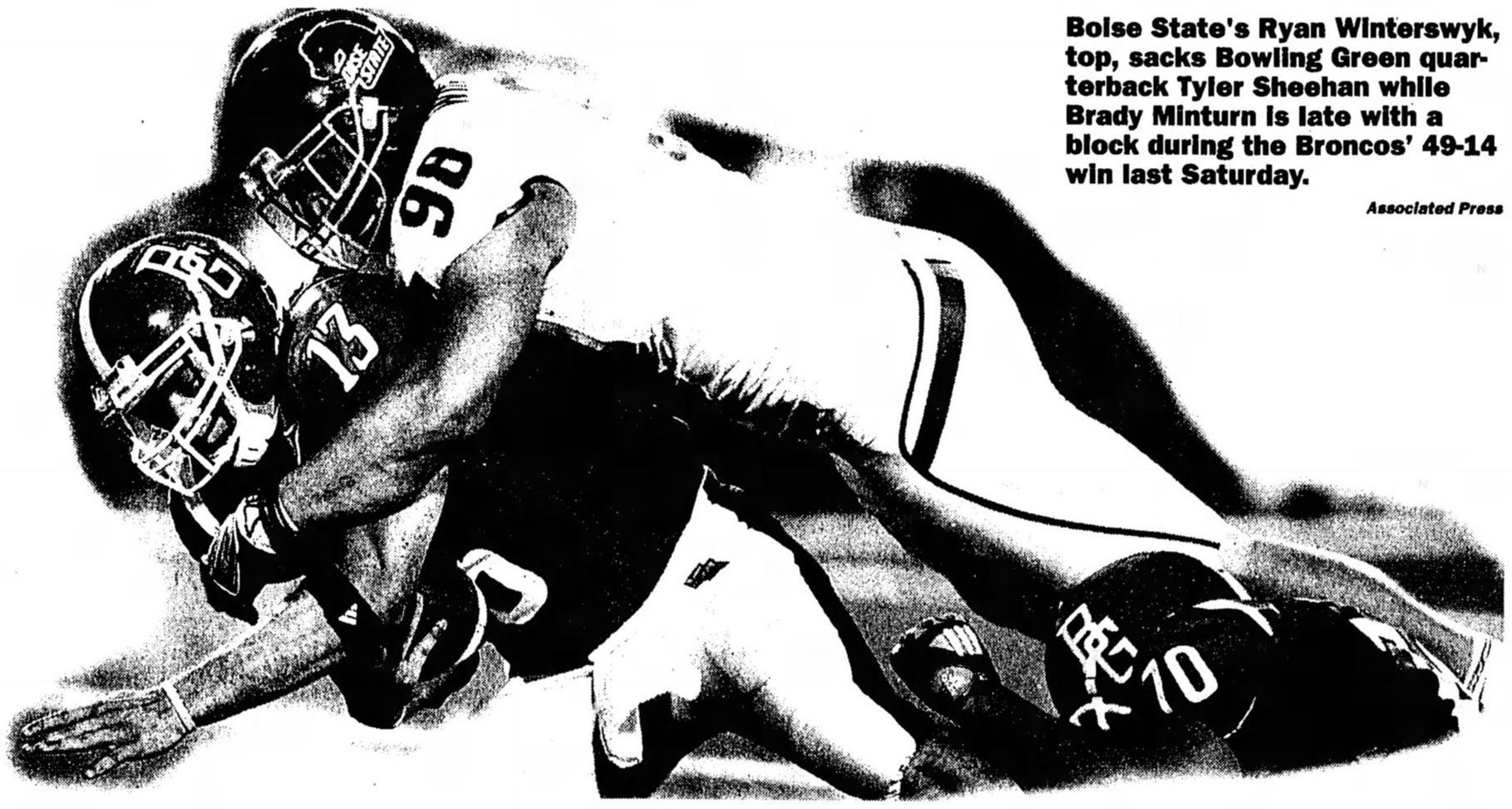
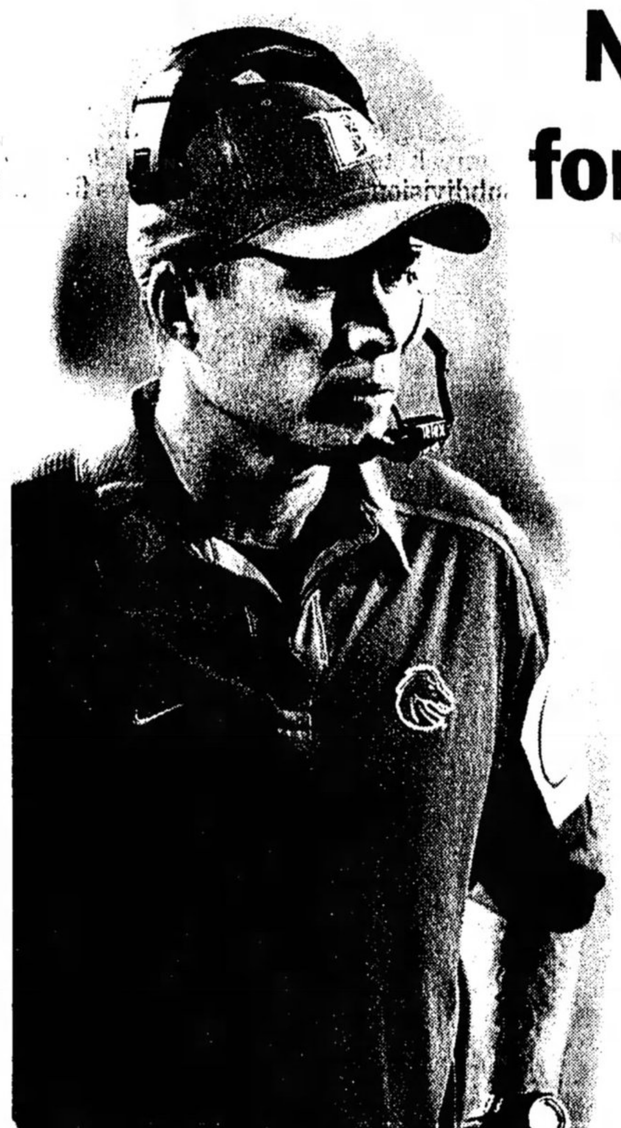


Boise State's Ryan Winterswyk, top, sacks Bowling Green quarterback Tyler Sheehan while Brady Minturn is late with a block during the Broncos' 49-14 win last Saturday.

Associated Press

Oh, Boise!



Boise State coach Chris Peterson

No. 5 Broncos are dark horse for national championship game

By JOHN MILLER
Associated Press Writer

BOISE, Idaho — Boise State coach Chris Petersen isn't convinced his Broncos are the fifth best team in the country, no matter what the polls say.

No. 5 Boise State has never been ranked higher during the regular season. The Broncos went undefeated in 2006 and finished the season ranked fifth.

Top-ranked Florida, Texas and Alabama are the overwhelming top three in the AP poll, and the Harris and USA Today coaches' poll. Boise State (4-0) from the Western Athletic Conference has benefited from a slew of highly ranked team losing in the first month of the season.

"Everybody is saying the same thing: 'I've got my first three figured out, and after that, I have no idea," said Petersen, who votes in the coaches' poll. "I just don't pay attention to it right now. If at the end of the year, we're right there with those guys, playing who we're going to play, and we can be ranked among those guys, that would be something."

The Broncos, who will be heavily favored in their remaining games, not only have a chance to break into the Bowl Championship Series for the second time, but they have to be considered at least dark horse contenders to reach the national championship game.

Petersen said he fears his players will try to live up to unrealistic expectations created by being ranked so high — and consequently perform below their potential.

To guard against overconfidence heading into Saturday's game against UC Davis, Petersen ordered players to run extra after their Sunday practice did not satisfy him.

"Some guys weren't giving their best effort. So we ran some more," said Petersen, who played quarterback for UC Davis in the mid-1980s.

Receiver Titus Young, who has scored six touchdowns, is doing extra drills as punishment for a penalty he was assessed after celebrating a score in last week's victory against Bowling Green.

"You'll probably notice his arms and legs and stomach being a little bit bigger for it this next weekend," Petersen said.

Boise State lost another starter for the season to a knee injury.

Defensive tackle Chuck Hayes was injured against Bowling Green. Two weeks ago against Fresno State, running back D.J. Harper also suffered a season-ending knee injury.

Petersen said freshman defensive tackle Michael Atkinson can play against UC Davis after a summer drunken driving arrest resulted in his suspension. Greg Grimes, another freshman defensive tackle, is due to return from a leg injury.

Game of the Week

No. 4 LSU at No. 18 Georgia, 3:30 p.m. Saturday on CBS. The SEC powers will clash "between the hedges" at Georgia's Sanford Stadium. The Tigers will be seeking revenge for last year's 52-38 embarrassment by the Bulldogs.

Spotlight Games

No. 8 Oklahoma at No. 17 Miami, 8 p.m. Saturday on ABC. After opening the season with a shocking loss to Brigham Young, the Sooners steamrolled Idaho State and Tulsa by a combined score of 109-0.

Griffen

No. 7 USC at No. 24 California, 8 p.m. Saturday on ABC. Everson Griffen is part of a Trojans defense that limited Cal's star running back Jahvid Best to 30 yards in their meeting last season.

Area Teams

Today

Pittsburgh at Louisville, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Saturday

No. 15 Penn State at Illinois, 3:30 p.m., ABC

Big East Leaders

Pitt was concerned about its rushing game after LeShon McCoy left school for the NFL, but Dion Lewis is the top runner in the Big East.

Rushing Yards

Dion Lewis, Pittsburgh	493
Jordon Todmon, Connecticut	396
Andre Dixon, Connecticut	368
Joe Martinek, Rutgers	360

Passing Yards

Tony Pike, Cincinnati	1,223
Ron Paulus, Syracuse	888
Jarrett Brown, West Virginia	798
Bill Stull, Pittsburgh	746

Receiving Yards

Marshwan Gilyard, Cincinnati	442
Mike Williams, Syracuse	437
Tim Brown, Rutgers	358
Jonathan Baldwin, Pittsburgh	323

Quotable

"The past is a bucket of ashes. Bottom line."

Clemson coach Dabo Swinney

Don't play games with concussions

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Columnist

Real men don't shrug off concussions. So if Tim Tebow still wants to be a role model when his head clears, he could start by role modeling for a few of his teammates.

Concussions aren't just an occupational hazard, no matter how many times football players stubbornly try to convince themselves otherwise.

"Everyone gets concussions. Stuff like that happens," Florida linebacker Ryan Stamper said after practice Tuesday, marveling at the media circus gathered for an update on Tebow's condition, and whether the star quarterback would return from last weekend's concussion in time for the Gators' Oct. 10 game at LSU.

"I guess because it happened to him everyone is blowing it up," Stamper added, "but I think he'll be fine."

To make his point, the fifth-year senior recalled two concussions he suffered playing at First Coast High in Jacksonville. Both times, Stamper couldn't remember the play, the hit, how he got back to the sideline or much about the rest of the game. Both times he returned to play the following week.

"There's just a part of your life," Stamper said, "that you don't remember."

Without a change in the culture, a lot of football players might have to get used to the feeling. No one seems certain whether there are more violent collisions than ever before — as opposed to better reporting — but we know much more about concussions than just a few short years ago. Little of it is good.

Players who rush back or suffer multiple concussions risk serious brain injury as early as their 40s, the result of repeated blows to the head that begin piling up from pee wee football on.

"There's a 'code' players adhere to — get back, finish, win," Cardinals receiver Sean Morey said Tuesday over the telephone from Arizona. "Your competitive interests outweigh concerns for yourself. ...

"But once you understand the risk, once somebody sits you down and explains the damage cumulative shots to the head cause, you've got an obligation to be outspoken and an advocate for not just your peers, but every athlete playing contact sports," he added. "Tim Tebow can help put this issue in perspective for a lot of people."

Morey is hardly a soft touch. No one who's made a living returning kicks and playing special teams in the NFL is, let alone someone who's made it to the Pro Bowl.

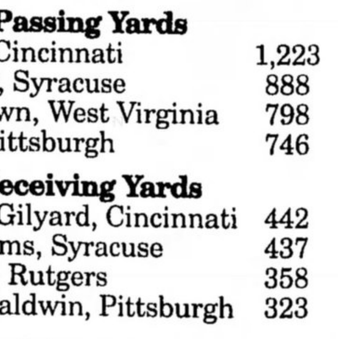
But it's not surprising that he considers Tebow's setback a "teachable moment." He sits on the union's Player Safety and Welfare Committee and two weeks ago, Morey tried creating a teaching moment of his own. He joined Baltimore's Matt Birk and Seattle's Lofa Tatupu as the first active NFL players to announce they'll donate their brains to a Boston University medical school program studying such injuries.

Researchers there and elsewhere have examined brain tissue culled posthumously from retired NFL athletes and so far have identified six cases of chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or CTE, a disease previously limited in the medical literature almost exclusively to boxers. One of the tissue samples came from Andre Waters, the hard-hitting former Eagles defensive back who committed suicide in 2006 at age 44 after repeated bouts with depression.

"The assumption in the 1990s, when I played, was you miss a day or two. Before that, it was zero. Now it's a week," said Chris Nowinski, who played at Harvard, then wrestled in the WWE before concussions cut short his career.

He went on to become co-director of BU's Center for the Study of Traumatic Encephalopathy

"In some ways, we've shed light on the issue. But in terms of true science, what it means to strap on a helmet and run into someone at 20 mph, we're still in the dark ages. It wouldn't surprise me in five years to prove that brains don't adequately recover for 4-6 weeks."



Tim Tebow

More than one researcher has already advocated a month off, minimum, following a first concussion. Currently, though, doctors often clear a return to play within a week, once neurological test results return to normal and the player no longer exhibits confusion, memory loss, headaches or blurred vision.

"The real problem is we don't have tests sensitive enough to determine when the brain is ready, so the standard instead becomes, 'What's an acceptable level of risk?'" Nowinski said. "The truth is if everybody who suffered a concussion sat down for a month, some teams would be playing with skeleton crews."

SPORTS

FEARLESS FIVE

	HERMAN	DEVORE	NACCARATO	OLIVER	WALD
B-Center at Monessen	Monessen	Monessen	Monessen	Monessen	Monessen
Ringgold at Elizabeth	Elizabeth	Ringgold	Ringgold	Elizabeth	Elizabeth
West Mifflin at BVA	West Mifflin	West Mifflin	BV Area	West Mifflin	West Mifflin
Cal U at IUP	Cal U	Cal U	Cal U	Cal U	Cal U
Pitt at Louisville	Pitt	Pitt	Pitt	Pitt	Pitt
Chargers at Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers
Ravens at Patriots	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens	Patriots	Patriots
Rams at 49ers	49ers	49ers	49ers	49ers	49ers
Jets at Saints	Jets	Jets	Jets	Saints	Saints
Packers at Vikings	Vikings	Viking	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings
Last week	5-5	5-5	5-5	2-8	6-4
Season record	18-12	15-15	16-14	15-15	20-10

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WVU's win is 'Devine'

Speedy running back rushes for 220 yards in 35-24 victory.

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — Noel Devine's best performance helped West Virginia overcome a second straight game of turnover troubles.

Devine ran for a career-high 220 yards and a touchdown, leading the Mountaineers to a 35-24 victory over Colorado on Thursday night.

Jarrett Brown threw two touchdown passes and redshirt freshman fullback Ryan Clarke ran for two fourth-quarter scores for West Virginia (3-1).

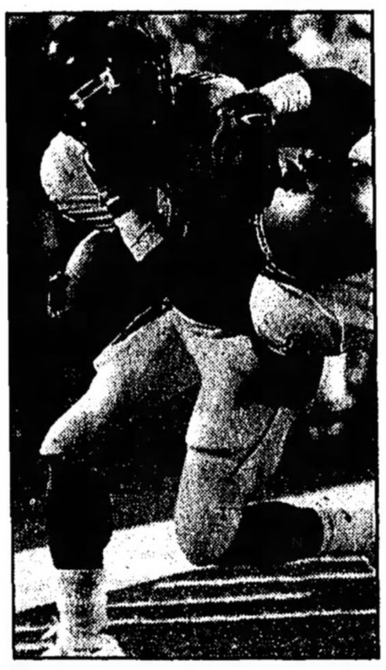
Devine had a season-high 22 carries, and coach Bill Stewart decided to use the 5-foot-8 junior more often when West Virginia had difficulty handling Colorado's blitzing defense in the second half.

"I got a little frustrated with the pass protection and Jarrett running around in the third quarter and I said, that's it — it's all on me," Stewart said. "I've been trying to wheel and deal it and throw it deep and spread the field. I said let's put the ball in No. 7's hands and win the football game and that's what we did."

Both teams played sloppily despite having an extra week to prepare and have plenty of problems to sort out heading into their conference openers.

West Virginia's defense allowed another quarterback to pile up the passing yards. The Mountaineers, who play at Syracuse on Oct. 10, lost four first-half fumbles to Colorado and have 10 turnovers in the past two games.

"Offensively, we just couldn't get in synch," Stewart said. "If we don't take care of turnovers, we will not have a



Noel Devine

banner season like I'd hoped we would."

Colorado's Cody Hawkins threw two touchdown passes but was intercepted three times and Colorado (1-3) managed three total points on four other drives that went inside the 30.

"When you play a good football team, you have to maximize your opportunities," Colorado coach Dan Hawkins said. "Bottom line, could we have won the football game? Sure. And I think you've got to leave it at that."

Colorado now faces the impossible task of meeting their head coach's directive of "10 wins, no excuses." The Buffaloes would have to win the remainder of their games, including a bowl, starting next week at No. 2 Texas.

The Buffaloes kept Brown mostly in check, but couldn't match Devine's speed.

"He showed me character and grit," Stewart said. "He quit the cutback stuff and lowered his shoulder and he punished the guys who tried to tackle him."

Devine professed his love for playing on Thursday nights but refused to play up his performance, focusing on refusing to sour on his team for its turnovers.

"There's always room to get better," Devine said. "I always kept my hopes up. I knew we were going to play well. Once we eliminated our mistakes, everything was good."

Devine went 77 yards for a score on West Virginia's second play from scrimmage and ran 56 yards late in the second quarter that set up Brown's 6-yard scoring pass to Jock Sanders.

Devine ran nine times during a 14-play drive midway through the fourth quarter that ended in Clarke's 1-yard TD run for a 28-17 lead.

After Colorado turned the ball over on downs deep in its own territory, Clarke tacked on an 8-yard scoring run to put the game out of reach.

Brown, sixth in the nation in total offense at 335 yards per game, twice overthrew wide-open receivers far downfield and finished 12 of 19 for just 148 yards. He was sacked three times.

Colorado's Rodney Stewart had another solid game against the Mountaineers. Last year he rushed for 166 yards, the most ever by a Colorado freshman. On Thursday, Stewart had a 36-yard TD run in the first quarter and finished with 105 yards on 21 carries.

Cody Hawkins kept his cool at times, avoiding the blitz to hit Scotty McKnight with a 29-yard scoring toss on fourth-and-7 early in the third that cut Colorado's deficit to four at 21-17. But Colorado didn't score again until the final seconds of the game.

SPORTS DIGEST

Ringgold drops Peters Township

Ringgold High's volleyball team upped its Class AAA Section 2 record to 4-3 with a 3-0 winover Peters Township.

Leading the Lady Rams to 25-19, 25-22 and 25-17 wins were Kelly Becquet (16 kills and 15 points) and Sam Helmantoler (11 kills and 18 points).

California booters blank UP-J

Justin Taucher's goal with three minutes remaining added up to a 1-0 win for alifornia University's soccer team at Pitt-Johsntown Thursday.

Steve Nese assisted on the goal with junior goalkeepers Derek Yobbi and Charlie Dagnasl combining for the shutout.

California (7-3), which has won four straight, plays at West Chester Saturday.

BV Area cagers roll by Bentworth

Belle Vernon Area Middle School's basketbsll team upped its section record to 6-1 witha 55-13 romp over Bentworth behind Megan Staley's 13 points.

California cagers shade W. Greene.

Madison Shumaker and Tristen Conaway both scored 15 points to lead California Middle School's basketball team to a 35-32 win over West Greene.

Monessen cagers beat Brownsville

Monessen Middle School's basketball team evened its record at 4-4 with a 23-11 win over Brownsville.

Trivia answer

Barry Foster, Jerome Bettis, Willie Parker and Franco Harris.

Nike denies Vick contract

NEW YORK (AP) — Nike said it does not have a "contractual relationship" with Michael Vick, a day after the quarterback's agent announced a deal with the manufacturer.

In a statement, Nike said it has "agreed to supply product to Michael Vick as we do a number of athletes who are not under contract with Nike."

On Wednesday, Michael Principe, the managing director of BEST, the agency that represents Vick, announced the Philadelphia Eagles player had a new deal with Nike during a panel discussion at the Sports Sponsorship Symposium.

Nike, which signed Vick as a rookie in 2001, terminated his contract in August 2007 after he filed a plea agreement admitting his involvement in a dogfighting ring.

ND unveils Rockne sculpture

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Notre Dame will unveil a bronze sculpture of coaching great Knute Rockne today.

The sculpture of the most successful coach in Fighting Irish history depicts Rockne in his coaching sweatshirt and baseball pants with his hands on his hips. Rockne had a coaching record of 105-12-5, an .881 winning percentage that remains the best in college football history.

His sculpture will be outside Notre Dame Stadium near a sculpture of Frank Leahy, another Irish coaching great.

Two years ago, the school added a sculpture of coach Ara Parseghian and last year it was Lou Holtz.

The sculptures were created by Jerry McKenna.

SPORTS DIGEST

20 Years Ago

Bubby Brister completed 21 of 27 passes for 267 yards including a 48-yard touchdown to Louis Lipps in the Pittsburgh Steelers' 23-3 win in Detroit.

10 Years Ago

T.J. Carden's 89-yard touchdown pass to Jeremy Cole in the opening 11 seconds highlighted Ringgold's 35-7 romp over Upper St. Clair.

Brent Jones started the game by returning the kickoff 82 yards for a touchdown and Chris Byrd returned an interception 101 yards for a score in Monessen's 57-14 rout over Geibel.

Nick Kalcevic ran for 152 yards and two touchdowns in Belle Vernon Area's 28-20 win at West Mifflin.

Don Higinbotham threw for one touchdown and ran for another in California's 21-12 win at West Greene.

Charleroi was limited to 62 total offense yards in a 42-0 loss at Brownsville.

BVA boys blank Uniontown

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

Shutout wins are nothing new for the Belle Vernon Area High boys' soccer team.

The Leps blanked visiting Uniontown, 9-0, Thursday for their third straight Class AA Section 3 victory and seventh of the season.

Jordan Redfield and Mark Tomich had hat tricks with Chris Kovalchuk, Garrett Gillie and Tyler Pirilla getting the other goals.

Garrett McLaughlin recorded the shutout for the Leps (9-3-1, 6-2-1), who resume Tuesday at Steel Valley.

USC 3, Ringgold 0

The Rams were shut out for the second time this season by the Class AAA Section 5 second place team.

Ringgold (7-4, 2-4) goes to Canon-McMillan Tuesday.

Bentworth 3, Monessen 0

Dave Szuminsky scored two goals for the second place Bearcats in Class A Section 4 as the Greyhounds' winless streak was stretched to four games (0-3-1).

J.T. Paterini had the other goal for Bentworth (6-5-1, 6-1-1).

Both teams resume Tuesday with the Greyhounds (4-6-1, 2-5-1) hosting Chartiers-Houston and the Bearcats at Charleroi.

Charleroi 4, Brentwood 3

The Cougars stayed a game behind Bentworth with a win which didn't impress their coach Geore Watkins.

"We played well in the first half and then didn't give an effort in the second half," he said. "No one really showed up in the second half."

John Adomitis scored twice for Charleroi (8-3, 5-2) while Chris Esola and Brent Nucci each added one goal.

EF 7, Steel Valley 2

The Warriors scored six second half goals to erase a 2-1 deficit in Class AA Section 3.

Tyler Abels scored three goals to raise his season total to 22 with Cam Easler, Justin Delmaster, Nick Ragan and Nate Pelco getting the other goals.

"We played well in the second half," coach Dave Kind said. "Aaron Matta made some big saves in the first half to keep us in it."

The Warriors (6-6, 4-4) host Thomas Jefferson Saturday night.

Geibel 5, Cal 0

Max Kiovalchuk had four goals including one in the opening 30 seconds for the second place Gators in Class A Section 1.

"It was all downhill after their first goal," said Cal coach Adam Obranovich.

The Trojans (5-7-1, 3-5-1) are at Beth-Center today.

Louisville is fired up for Pitt

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Louisville offensive tackle Greg Tomczyk has heard the stories. He's seen the pictures.

The evidence of arguably the greatest win in Cardinals history — an upset of West Virginia on a raucous Thursday night in 2006 that propelled the Cardinals into the national title hunt — is scattered throughout the program's football complex.

It was only three years ago. It seems longer.

The Cardinals (1-2) will try to recreate some of the magic tonight when they host Pittsburgh (3-1) in the Big East opener for both teams. School officials are encouraging fans to wear all-black, the same promotion they used against Pat White and the Mountaineers on that chilly November night that thrust the program into the national spotlight.

"I think from that there's been a little bit of an aura around here with Friday night, Thursday night games," Tomczyk said.

Louisville comes in riding a seven-game losing streak to Football Bowl Subdivision opponents. And while the Cardinals have shown promise during early season losses to Kentucky and Utah, the same problems that hampered them last year have stuck around, namely holding onto the ball.

Louisville is minus-13 in turnovers during the streak. Three early turnovers against Utah last week quickly put the Cardinals in a 20-point hole from which they couldn't recover. They gave it away a whopping five times in a 41-7 loss to the Panthers last year.

It won't be easy against the Panthers, who are 13th in the country in turnover margin (plus-6) and fourth in the nation in sacks (4.25 per game). Four players have at least two sacks already this season and the Panthers are expecting to get senior linebacker Adam Gunn back after missing the last two games with an ankle injury.

Gunn already has five sacks this year, and his return could be problematic for Louisville's revamped offensive line. The Cardinals have struggled with pressure and allowed Utah to sack quarterback Justin Burke four times and rattle him several others by getting a hand in his face.

"We're not where we need to be," Kragthorpe said. "We just haven't been consistent."

Neither have the Panthers.

Pittsburgh has made a habit under coach Dave Wannstedt of losing winnable games early in the year, blunting momentum. It appeared the Panthers were finally past it after dominating Youngstown State, Buffalo and Navy and taking a 14-point lead in the second half last week against North Carolina State.

Bylsma (FROM PAGE ONE)

The Penguins overcame 2-0 series deficits against Washington and Detroit and were the first team since MacNeil's Canadiens 38 years before to win a finals Game 7 on the road. And they did it with a coach who had no previous NHL or minor league head coaching experience until he was hired at Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL) to begin last season.

Obviously, this took more than a couple of motivational speeches and some tinkering with the Xs and Os to pull off. Before Bylsma could win games, he had to win over his team.

"The atmosphere in the room was the change," goalie Marc-Andre Fleury said. "He was trying to get the guys to be a little more loosened up and have fun and get back to what we were. You can have fun and work hard, at least that's how I felt."

It also was the way Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and nearly every other player felt, too.

The Penguins had gone to the finals the season before, but coach Michel Therrien's disciplinarian style was wearing thin and players no longer believed in his rigid, don't-make-a-mistake system.

Bylsma instantly switched to an attack style in which players didn't sit back, waiting to create pressure during transition. The forechecking was more aggressive, and so was the mindset.

"I love it," Crosby said. "As far as a mentality, that's a great way to look at games. You prepare yourself as much as possible. You go in there knowing if you play that way, you're going to get chances and give yourself a great chance to win. You want to work under that condition."

Apparently, other teams do, too. During the preseason, Crosby saw other teams copying what the Penguins did by trying to possess the puck as much as possible to wear down opponents.

"To be emulated is a great form of flattery, but it's not something I attribute to myself," Bylsma said. "It's not Dan Bylsma hockey, it's not a secret that I have revealed. This is what happens when you have success. We do the same thing, we look at other teams and say, 'Man, that gave us a hard time.' ... And if you pay attention, there are going to be some new things we're going to do based on other team's success."

Cal (FROM PAGE ONE)

Krewatch is 77 of 152 for 957 yards and five touchdowns while Portis is 69 of 132 for 11 scores. Krewatch has been intercepted eight times and Portis four times.

The Vulcans' AJ Jackson (29 recptions for 369 yards) and Crimson Hawks' Mychal Skinner (23 receptions for 298 yards) are ranked three-four in the conference in pass-catching.

LEFTOVERS: The kickoff is 1 p.m. Cal has averaged over 200 rushing yards the last two games after averaging 125 in the first three.

Hounds (FROM PAGE ONE)

offensively and Terrance Stepoli is getting better each game," said Pacak.

The Greyhounds should be strengthened up front by the return of two of their bigger linemen 6-1, 270-pound senior Jim Shuma and 6-2, 346-pound Juwan Mull, who had been sidelined with injuries.

"It's going to come down to blocking and tackling," said Pacak. "Our big guys are going to have to do better than their big guys."

SPORTS

Major League Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Philadelphia	92	67	.579	—
Atlanta	86	73	.541	6
Florida	85	74	.535	7
New York	67	92	.421	25
Washington	56	103	.352	36

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-St. Louis	91	68	.572	—
Chicago	82	76	.519	8 1/2
Milwaukee	77	82	.484	14
Cincinnati	76	83	.478	15
Houston	74	85	.465	17
Pittsburgh	61	97	.386	29 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	93	66	.585	—
x-Colorado	91	68	.572	2
San Francisco	86	73	.541	7
San Diego	74	85	.465	19
Arizona	68	91	.428	25

x-clinched playoff berth
y-clinched division

Thursday's Games

St. Louis 13, Cincinnati 0
Colorado 9, Milwaukee 2
San Francisco 7, Arizona 3
Washington 2, Atlanta 1
Houston 5, Philadelphia 3
Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs, ccd., rain

Today's Games

Arizona (Buckner 3-6) at Chicago Cubs (Gorzelanny 7-2), 2:20 p.m.
Florida (VandenHurk 2-2) at Philadelphia (Blanton 12-7), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (W.Rodriguez 14-11) at N.Y. Mets (Maine 6-6), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (D.McCutchen 0-2) at Cincinnati (Lehr 5-2), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (Li.Hernandez 8-12) at Atlanta (D.Lowe 15-9), 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Looper 13-7) at St. Louis (Wainwright 19-8), 8:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Zito 10-13) at San Diego (Correia 12-10), 10:05 p.m.
Colorado (Jimenez 14-12) at L.A. Dodgers (Wolf 11-6), 10:10 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-New York	102	57	.642	—
z-Boston	92	67	.579	10
Tampa Bay	82	77	.516	20
Toronto	75	84	.472	27
Baltimore	61	98	.384	41

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	85	74	.535	—
Minnesota	83	76	.522	2
Chicago	77	82	.484	8
Cleveland	65	94	.409	20
Kansas City	65	94	.409	20

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Los Angeles	94	65	.591	—
Texas	86	73	.541	8
Seattle	83	76	.522	11
Oakland	75	84	.472	19

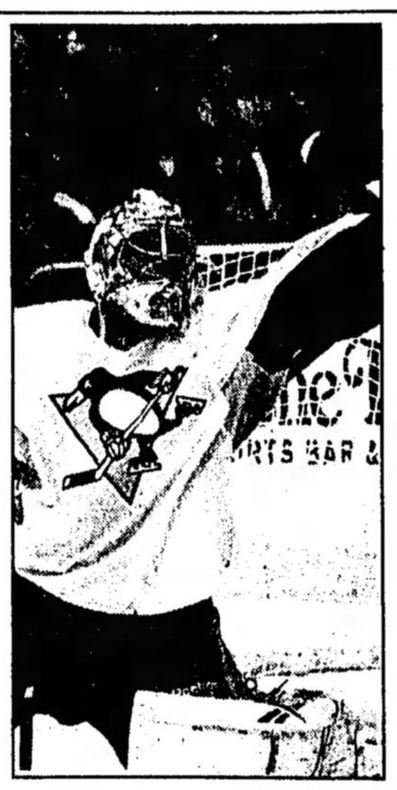
y-clinched division
z-clinched wild card

Thursday's Games

Minnesota 8, Detroit 3
Texas 11, L.A. Angels 3
Baltimore 3, Tampa Bay 2
Boston 3, Cleveland 0
Seattle 4, Oakland 2

Today's Games

Chicago White Sox (Peavy 2-0) at Detroit (E.Jackson 13-8), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Purcey 1-2) at Baltimore (Berken 5-12), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Sowers 6-10) at Boston (Matsuzaka 3-6), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 19-7) at Tampa Bay (Price 9-7), 7:38 p.m.
Kansas City (DiNardo 0-2) at Minnesota (Manship 0-1), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Jer.Weaver 15-8) at Oakland (G.Gonzalez 6-6), 10:05 p.m.
Texas (McCarthy 7-4) at Seattle (Snell 5-2), 10:10 p.m.



Marc Andre-Fleury and the Pens open the season against the Rangers, 7:30 p.m., on Fox Sports Net.

Sports dial

Today

Television

Noon - Versus - Chicago at Florida, hockey.
12:40 p.m. - ESPN2 - South Korea vs United States, soccer.
1 p.m. - Golf Channel - Constellation Energy Senior Players, golf.
2 p.m. - WGN - Arizona at Chicago Cubs, baseball.
3 p.m. - Versus - Detroit at St. Louis, hockey.
4 p.m. - Golf Channel - Turning Stone Resort Championship, golf.
4:30 p.m. - ESPN2 - Price Chopper 400,aauto racing.
6 p.m. - ESPN2 -Kansas Lottery 300, auto racing.
5:30 p.m. - Golf Channel - Soboba Classic, golf.
7 p.m. - ESPN - Chicago White Sox at Detroit, baseball.
7:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - New York Rangers at Pittsburgh, hockey.
8 p.m. - ESPN2 - Pitt at Louisville, college football.
8:30 p.m. - Golf Channel - Navistar LPGA Classic, golf.
11p.m. - ESPN2 - Chicago at Los Angeles, soccer.
11 p.m. - SHO - Allan Green vs Victor Oganov; Henry Crawford vs Antwone Smith, boxing.

Radio

7 p.m. - WJAS (1320) - Central Catholic at Woodland Hills, high school football.
7 p.m. - WJPA (1450) - Trinity at Chartiers Valley, high school football.
7:10 p.m. - WPGB (104.7 FM) - Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, baseball.
7:30 p.m. - WXDX (105.9 FM) - New York Rangers at Pittsburgh, hockey.
7:30 p.m. - WEAE (1250) - Bethel Park at Mt. Lebanon, high school football.
7:30 p.m. - WMBS (590) - Uniontown at Greensburg Salem, high school football.
7:30 p.m. - KQV (1410) - Norwin at Gateway, high school football.
7:45 p.m. - WJPA - Canon-McMillan at Upper St. Clair, high school football.
8 p.m. - WWSW (94.5 FM) - Pitt at Louisville, college football.

Area golf

At Willowbrook

Belle Vernon Area - 197

Bo Lustig,33; Kyle Naden, 38; Tyber Lustig, 39; Brad Antal, 43; Kirby Manown, 44. Non-count: Tim Moore, 50.

Uniontown - 240

Madon Fordyce, 44; Ben Sampson and Josh Nelson, 47; Zach Nelson and Ryan Fike, 51. Non-count: Brian David, 63.

At Cedarbrook

California - 197

David Beck and Phil Langley, 37; Zac Edmiston, 40; Tyler Van Olst, 41; Dom Roach, 42. Non-count: Jake George, 51.

Washington - 258

Dan Crumrine, 41; Sam Interval, 46; Morgan M cKee, 56; Ryan Mooney, 57; Cory Iams, 58. Non-count: Shawn Money, 60.

At Norvelt

Mt. Pleasant - 209

Zac Heide, 37; David Cenkner, 39; Cameron Swink, 42; Trevor McCalmont, 44; Brandon Springer, 46.

Ringgold - 225

Mike Yavorsky, 36; Colin McCormick, 42; Connor Kane, 45; RicoRodriguez, 50; Devin DiPiazza, 52.

At Linden Hall

Frazier - 228

D.J. Hudik, 43; Robert Gondura and Nick Hawranko, 45; Tyler Rock, 47; Zach Smalich, 48. Non-count: Wyatt Tidholm, 52.

Connellsville - 228

Tyler Broadwater and Johnny Leonard, 42; Eric Harrer, 44; Tyler Stillwagon, 47; Luke Giles, 53. Non-count: Justin Teets, 54.

High school football

Class AAA

Big Seven Conference

	League W	League L	Overall W	Overall L
Thomas Jefferson	2	0	4	0
Chartiers Valley	2	0	4	0
West Mifflin	1	1	3	1
Trinity	1	1	1	3
Ringgold	0	1	2	2
Belle Vernon Area	0	1	2	2
Elizabeth Forward	0	2	2	2

Today

Ringgold at Elizabeth Forward
West Mifflin at Belle Vernon Area
Trinity at Chartiers Valley
Thomas Jefferson at Laurel Highlands

Keystone Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Uniontown	2	0	3	1
Laurel Highlands	2	0	2	2
Greensburg Salem	1	0	3	1
Yough	1	1	1	3
Southmoreland	0	1	0	4
Albert Gallatin	0	2	1	3
Derry	0	2	0	4

Today

Yough at Albert Gallatin
S'moreland at Derry
Uniontown at Grb. Salem
Thomas Jefferson at Laurel Highlands

Class AA

Interstate Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Jeannette	4	0	4	0
Mt. Pleasant	4	0	4	0
Charleroi	3	1	3	1
McGuffey	3	1	3	1
Greensburg Central	2	2	2	2
Washington	2	2	2	2
Waynesburg	1	3	1	3
Brownsville	1	3	1	3
Washington	2	2	2	2
South Allegheny	0	4	0	4
East Allegheny	0	4	0	4

Today

Charleroi at Jeannette
Washington at Brownsville
East Allegheny at Mt. Pleasant
South Allegheny at McGuffey
Grb. Cenral at Waynesburg

Class A

Tri-County South

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Beth-Center	2	0	3	1
Monessen	2	0	2	2
California	2	0	3	1
Jefferson-Morgan	1	1	3	1
Carmichaels	1	1	1	3
Geibel	0	2	1	3
West Greene	0	2	0	4
Mapletown	0	2	0	4

Today

Beth-Center at Monessen
Mapletown at California
Jeff-Morgan at Carmichaels
Geibel at West Greene

Black Hills Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Fort Cherry	2	0	4	0
Clairton	2	0	3	1
Chartiers-Houston	1	1	3	1
Serra	1	1	3	1
Frazier	1	1	2	2
Burgettstown	1	1	2	2
Bentworth	0	2	1	3
Avella	0	2	1	3

Today

Frazier at Chartiers-Houston
Serra at Avella
Clairton at Fort Cherry

Saturday

Bentworth at Burgettsown, 1:30 p.m.

Boys' soccer standings

Class AAA

Section 5

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Peters Township	6	0	0	8	1	1
Upper St. Clair	5	1	0	8	1	1
Canon-McMillan	4	2	0	8	3	0
Ringgold	2	4	0	7	4	0
Moon	1	5	0	2	7	1
Trinity	0	6	0	2	10	0

Thursday

Upper St. Clair 3, Ringgold 0
Cann-McMillan 3, Trinity 0
Peters Township 2, Moon 0

Saturday

Canon-McMillan at Seton-LaSalle
Erie McDowell at Upper St. Clair
Mt. Lebanon at Peters Township
Blackhawk at Moon

Class AA

Section 3

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
S'moreland	7	1	0	7	3	0
South Park	6	1	0	7	2	0
Belle Vernon Area	6	2	1	9	3	1
Thomas Jefferson	4	3	1	5	5	1
Elizabeth Forward	4	4	0	6	6	0
Steel Valley	2	5	0	3	6	0
Uniontown	1	5	0	1	8	0
Yough	0	9	0	0	9	0

Thursday

BV Area 9, Uniontown 0
Elizabeth 7, Steel Valley 2
S'moreland 1, South Park 0
Thomas Jefferson 10, Yough 0

Saturday

S'moreland at Uniontown
Thomas Jefferson at Elizabeth (7:30 p.m.)

Class A

Section 1

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Grb. Central	9	0	0	9	1	0
Geibel	6	3	0	8	3	0
Trinity Christian	6	3	0	7	3	0
Serra	5	3	0	8	3	0
Winchester Thurs.	3	4	1	3	5	1
California	3	5	1	5	7	1
South Allegheny	1	6	0	1	8	0
Brownsville	0	9	0	0	12	0

Thursday

Geibel 5, California 0
Grb. Central 12, South Allegheny 1
Trinity Christian 2, Serra 0
Winchester Thurston 5, Brownsville 2

Today

California at Beth-Center

Saturday

Geibel at Connell;sville

Section 4

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Carlynton	7	0	1	9	1	1
Bentworth	6	1	1	6	5	1
Charleroi	5	2	0	8	3	0
C-Houston	4	4	0	4	8	1
Monessen	2	5	1	4	6	1
Brentwood	1	6	1	2	7	1
Beth-Center	0	7	0	3	7	0

Thursday

Bentworth 3, Monessen 0
Charleroi 4, Brentwood 3
Carlynton 7, C-Houston 1

Saturday

Freedom at Carlynton

Girls' soccer standings

Class AAA

Section 5

	League W	League L	League T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Canon-McMillan	6	1	0	9	3	0
Upper St. Clair	6	1	0	6	3	0
Mt. Lebanon	5	1	0	7	3	0
Elizabeth Forward	2	4	0	3	7	0
Trinity	2	5	0	4	6	0
Ringgold	2	5	0	4	7	0
West Mifflin	0	6	0	2	8	0

Thursday

West Mifflin 15, Perry 0

Saturday

Ringgold at Mt. Lebanon (7:45 p.m.)
Elizabeth at Canpon-McMillan (1 p.m.)
Trinity at West Miffin
Erie McDowell at Upper St. Clair

Section 6

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Belle Vernon Area	7	0	1	9	2	1
S'moreland	7	0	1	7	1	1
Connellsville	5	3	0	6	6	0
Yough	4	4	0	6	5	0
Waynesburg	4	4	0	5	6	0
Laurel Highlands	3	5	0	4	7	0
Uniontown	1	7	0	2	8	0
Albert Gallatin	0	8	0	0	10	0

Thursday

S'moreland 6, Uniontown 0

Saturday

S'moreland at BV Area (7:30 p.m.)
Yough at Waynesburg (11 a.m.)
Laurel Highlands at C'ville
Uniontown at Albert Gallatin

Class AA

Section 1

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
South Park	8	0	0	10	1	0
South Fayette	5	1	0	6	3	1
McGuffey	5	2	0	6	4	0
Charleroi	3	4	0	6	6	0
Bentworth	3	5	0	6	6	0
C-Houston	1	6	0	1	10	0
Beth-Center	0	7	0	2	8	0

Thursday

South Park 9, Bentworth 0

Saturday

McGuffey at Charleroi (1 p.m.)

Section 6

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Geibel	5	1	0	7	3	0
Mt. Pleasant	6	1	0	7	3	0
Grb. Central	5	2	0	9	3	1
Jeannette	3	3	1	4	5	2
Monessen	2	4	1	4	5	1
St. Joseph	1	5	0	2	7	0
East Allegheny	0	6	0	1	7	0

Saturday

Geibel at Grb. Central
Jeannette at St. Joseph

PSAC football

West Division

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
Edinboro	2	0	4	1
California	2	0	3	2
Mercyhurst	2	0	3	2
Slippery Rock	1	1	4	1
Clarion	1	1	2	3
Indiana	0	2	3	2
Gannon	0	2	2	3
Lock Haven	0	2	0	4

Saturday

1 p.m, - California at Indiana
2 p.m. - Gannon at Clarion; Mercyhurst at Slippery Rock; Lock Haven at Edinboro.

WNBA Finals

Thursday

Indiana 93, Phoenix 84. series tied 1-1

Sunday

Phoenix at Indiana, 4 p.m.

Wednesday,

Phoenix at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	3	0	0	1.000	64	33
New England	2	1	0	.667	60	50
Buffalo	1	2	0	.333	64	72
Miami	0	3	0	.000	43	69

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	3	0	0	1.000	72	45
Jacksonville	1	2	0	.333	60	69
Houston	1	2	0	.333	65	86
Tennessee	0	3	0	.000	58	71

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	3	0	0	1.000	103	53
Cincinnati	2	1	0	.667	61	56
Pittsburgh	1	2	0	.333	47	50
Cleveland	0	3	0	.000	29	95

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	3	0	0	1.000	62	16
San Diego	2	1	0	.667	73	64
Oakland	1	2	0	.333	36	57
Kansas City	0	3	0	.000	48	85

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	3	0	0	1.000	80	48
Dallas	2	1	0	.667	86	61
Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667	94	72
Washington	1	2	0	.333	40	49

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	3	0	0	1.000	120	56
Atlanta	2	1	0	.667	57	53
Carolina	0	3	0	.000	37	87
Tampa Bay	0	3	0	.000	41	91

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	3	0	0	1.000	88	57
Green Bay	2	1	0	.667	81	63
Chicago	2	1	0	.667	57	54
Detroit	1	2	0	.333	59	86

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	2	1	0	.667	67	53
Seattle	1	2	0	.333	57	48
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	57	68
St. Louis	0	3	0	.000	24	73

Sunday, Oct. 4

Detroit at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Houston, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at New England, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Miami, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at New Orleans, 4:05 p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
St. Louis at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m.
San Diego at Pittsburgh, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Arizona, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Carolina

Monday, Oct. 5

Green Bay at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

NHL schedule

Thursday

Washington 4, Boston 1
Montreal 4, Toronto 3, OT
Colorado 5, San Jose 2
Calgary 5, Vancouver 3

Today

Florida vs. Chicago at Helsinki, 1 p.m.
Detroit vs. St. Louis at Stockholm, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at Carolina, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Chicago vs Florida at Helsinki, noon
St. Louis vs. Detroit at Stockholm, 3 p.m.
Vancouver at Colorado, 3 p.m.
Carolina at Boston, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

NBA preaseason

Thursday

Utah 103, Denver 87

Today

Chicago at Indiana, 7 p.m.

Wii bowling

Monessen Senior Center

Wii League

Standings

Croushore, 29-13; Vivio, 23-19; Petritis, 20-22; Niccolai, 19-23; Petronick, 18-24; Tineri, 16-26.

High scores

Ron Croushore, 257-741; Lou Ann Petronick, 244-701; Kenny Zimmaro, 238-672; John Koval, 254-632; Mary Ann Gallo, 224-598; Harry Niccolai, 203-580; Santo Minnitti, 194; Nello Tineri, 192-554; Joe

REMEMBER when?

Belle Vernon Area's Earl Thompson was an All Mon Valley Conference end in 1974.

Gallo, 203-552.

Sports moves

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

CHICAGO BULLS—Waived C Steven Hill.

MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Waived F Marcus Hubbard and G Mark Tyndale.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed DT Hollis Thomas. Released DT Ra'Shon Harris.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

DALLAS STARS—Signed D Stephane Robidas to a four-year contract extension, through the 2013-14 season.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Announced RW Brendan Shanahan has left the team.

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Recalled D Marc-Andre Bourdon and G Michael-Lee Teslak from Adirondack (AHL).

PHOENIX COYOTES—Signed C Colin Long. Assigned F Kevin Porter to San Antonio (AHL).

COLLEGE

BOWLING GREEN—Signed men's basketball coach Louis Orr to a two-year contract extension through the 2013-14 season.

PENN STATE—Signed men's basketball coach Ed DeChellis to a three-year contract extension through the 2013-14 season.

Latest Line

NFL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Sunday, Oct 4		
Week Four		
HOUSTON	9 1/2 (42)	Oakland
Tennessee	3 (41)	J'VILLE
N. ENGLAND	2 1/2 (44)	Baltimore
Cincinnati	5 1/2 (38)	CLEVELAND
NY Giants	9 (42)	KC
CHICAGO	10 (39)	Detroit
WASHINGTON	7 1/2 (37)	Tampa Bay
INDIANAPOLIS	7 1/2 (45)	Seattle
N. ORLEANS	6 1/2 (46)	NY Jets
Buffalo	2 1/2 (40)	MIAMI
SAN FRAN	10 (38)	St. Louis
Dallas	3 (45)	DENVER
PITTSBURGH	7 (43)	San Diego
Monday, Oct 5		
MINNESOTA	3 1/2 (46)	Green Bay

College Football

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Today		
Pittsburgh	6 1/2	LOUISVILLE
BYU	24	Utah St
Saturday, Oct 3		
South Florida	7	SYRACUSE
East Carolina	2 1/2	MARSHALL
PURDUE	6 1/2	Northwestern
MINNESOTA	2 1/2	Wisconsin
NC State	1	WAKE FOREST
Clemson	13 1/2	MARYLAND
N. CAROLINA	14	Virginia
Florida St	5	BOSTON COLL.
C. Michigan	8	BUFFALO
Toledo	6 1/2	BALL ST
Alabama	17	KENTUCKY
Mississippi	9 1/2	VANDERBILT
Cincinnati	28	MIAMI-OHIO
Temple	5	E. MICHIGAN
ARMY	6	Tulane
Virginia Tech	16 1/2	DUKE
NOTRE DAME	13	Washington
GEORGIA	2 1/2	Lsu
NAVY	3 1/2	Air Force
Georgia Tech	6	MISSISSIPPI ST
Oklahoma	7	MIAMI-FLORIDA
Penn St	6 1/2	ILLINOIS
MICHIGAN ST	1	Michigan
N. ILLINOIS	6 1/2	W. Michigan
BOWLING GR.	3	Ohio
NEVADA	3 1/2	Univ
Colorado St	3 1/2	IDAHO
a-Iowa St	2 1/2	Kansas St
ARIZONA ST	5	Oregon St
OREGON	31	Washington St
BAYLOR	21 1/2	Kent St
C. FLORIDA	8	Memphis
STANFORD	6	Ucla
TEXAS TECH	36	New Mexico
Ohio St	16 1/2	INDIANA
Tulsa	14	RICE

Mendenhall

(FROM PAGE ONE)

"That's probably the reason he was making the mistakes," Parker said. "Coach holds each and every one of us to a high standard and expects us all to perform like professionals in practice."

The Steelers need to see more in games, too. So far, Mendenhall has gained only 107 yards in seven games during his short career. This season, the normally reliable Steelers running game is 27th in the NFL.

"It's frustrating, you want to take advantage of opportunities," Mendenhall said. "You want to prove to the team and the organization what you can do and I wasn't able to do that last week, so I'm looking forward to this week."

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TV LISTINGS

Man comes out of closet, surprises old friends

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: I spent my high school years chasing girls and participating in sports. I made good grades and was popular with peers and faculty.

I have since graduated and entered college. I have also come out of the closet as gay. Due to popular sites such as Facebook, I have reunited with old friends who are interested to hear about my "new life."

With those not "in the know," I feel uncomfortable having to come out of the closet again and again. I don't feel ashamed about myself or my boyfriend, but I feel a certain discomfort when my former and present lives meet.

I have many friends, old and new, gay and straight, who I care about. But I feel some anxiety over the reactions I get from some of those people, even though they no longer hold a prominent place in my life. I'd greatly appreciate it if you could tell me how to handle and deal with such situations. — **BETWIXT AND BETWEEN IN SAN ANTONIO**

DEAR BETWIXT: I understand your anxiety, but the reaction you're getting from some of your old friends is a direct result of how effectively you hid your homosexuality behind chasing girls and the misperception that being a talented athlete has anything to do with a person's sexual orientation.

You need to accept the fact that people will be surprised because they assumed you were straight like they are. Some of them will be accepting; others won't. But the people who count will get beyond it. The way to handle this is with the same humor and compassion you would like from others. It may take some practice and coming to terms with your own feelings, but I have every confidence that you'll do it as thousands of other people have.

DEAR ABBY: I am 48 and recently divorced from my husband of 25 years. Like others in my age group, I worry about my prospects of finding another partner — especially because I am no longer the "cute young thing" I once was.

A few days ago, I was at a local wildlife park and struck up a conversation with a pleasant senior couple. They looked as though they had been married more than 50 years, but they happily informed me they were on their honeymoon! When we finished our chat, the woman said to her husband, "I guess we'd better be going, baby," and off they went, hand-in-hand.

It just goes to show that it's never too late for love to blossom! — **WILLING TO WAIT IN NOVA SCOTIA**

DEAR WILLING TO WAIT: I'll say! My lovely cousin Suzie is being married in about two weeks after 26 years as a widow. It never is too late for love to blossom — all it takes is a seed of friendship and a couple who decide they're ready to make a commitment.

DEAR ABBY: I am a young woman in my 20s who, while very friendly, is funny about being touched. I am extremely uncomfortable when people outside my immediate family hug me, rub my shoulders or place a hand on my back or arm. Yet somehow, people tend to do this with me.

How can I express my discomfort without sounding antisocial or mean? I'd appreciate your advice. — **TOUCHY SUBJECT**

DEAR TOUCHY SUBJECT: Do it with humor. Say, "If you do that again, you'll have to marry me!" It should work with members of both sexes, depending upon the state you live in.

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FRIDAY EVENING — OCTOBER 2, 2009

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS 2 KDKA 7 WTRF 10 WTAJ	2 KDKA-TV News at Six 7 News 10 WTAJ News at 6	7 10 CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	2 CBS Evening News-Couric 7 Entertainment 10 Inside	2 The Insider 7 Inside Edition 10 Two and a Half Men "Pilot"	Ghost Whisperer "See No Evil" An e-mail chain goes viral and threatens the citizens of Grandview. (N)		Medium "Who's That Girl" Ariel begins to exhibit strange behavior. (N)		NUMB3RS "Friendly Fire" Members of a unit are killed during a shootout. (N)		2 KDKA-TV News at 11 7 News 10 WTAJ News at 11	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman Larry David; Olivia Wilde. (N)		(:37) The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Tim Gunn; Cathy Ladman; Lynyrd Skynyrd. (N)		2 (:37) Extra 7 (:37) The Dr. Oz Show 10 (:37) Paid Programming	2 10 (:07) Paid Programming	2 7 (:37) Paid Programming 10 (:37) Cars. TV (N)
ABC 4 WTAE 23 WATM	4 Action News at 6 23 Deal No	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	4 Inside Edition (N) 23 Jeopardy! (N)	4 Entertainment Tonight 23 Wheel of Fortune	FlashForward Demetri and Mark search for a suspect who might be connected to the global blackout.		the forgotten "Diamond Jane" Team tries to solve the murder of a Jane Doe.		20/20 (N)		4 Ch. 4 Action News at 11 23 News	(:35) Nightline (N)	(12:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Woody Harrelson; Whitney Port; Shinedown. (N)		4 (:06) Oprah Winfrey 23 (:06) Paid Programming	23 (:35) RENO 911! "Junior Gets Married"	4 (:06) Paid Programming 23 (:05) Paid Programming	4 Action News at 11 23 Paid Prog
NBC 6 WJAC 9 WTOV 11 WPXI	6 WJAC-TV. News at 6 PM (N) 9 News (N) 11 Channel 11 News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	6 Entertainment Tonight (N) 9 11 Jeopardy! (N)	6 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire 9 11 Wheel of Fortune	Law & Order "Just a Girl in the World" Detectives probe the murder of an investigator and an attack on a young journalist. (N)		Dateline NBC		The Jay Leno Show Jenna Fischer. (N)		6 WJAC-TV News 9 Sports 11 Ch. 11 News	6 11 (:35) The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien Joshua Bell and Tiempo Libre. (N) 9 (:45) High School Football Big Red vs. Wheeling Park.		6 11 (:37) Late Night With Jimmy Fallon Drew Barrymore; Tim Schafer. (N)		6 11 (:36) Last Call With Carson Daly Emmanuelle Chriqui. (N)	6 11 (:05) Poker After Dark (N) 9 (:15) Poker After Dark (Joined in Progress) (N)	
FOX 8 WWCP 53 WPGH	8 Seinfeld 53 Two and a Half Men	8 The Simpsons 53 My Name Is Earl	8 That '70s Show 53 Two and a Half Men	8 My Name Is Earl 53 Seinfeld	Brothers Adele begins bartending. (N)	'Til Death Eddie and Joy's daughter returns.	Dollhouse "Instinct" Echo's maternal instincts kick in when she's imprinted as the mother of a newborn baby.		8 News 53 Channel 11 News	8 (:35) My Name Is Earl "Midnight Bun"	8 (:05) Everybody Loves Raymond 53 Seinfeld	8 (:35) Seinfeld 53 My Name Is Earl	8 Star Trek: The Next Generation 53 Frasier	53 Paid Programming	8 "The Peacemaker" 53 Paid Programming	53 Paid Programming	53 George Lopez "Landlord Almighty"	53 Tyler Perry's House of Payne Interview.
13 WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	Off Q	The National Parks: America's Best Idea America's last frontier becomes a testing ground for future park ideas.				In the Life	Gettysburg Monuments	Charlie Rose (N)		Off Q	Smart Travels	The National Parks: America's Best Idea America's last frontier becomes a testing ground for future park ideas.			
19 WPCW	The People's Court (N)		The Office "Fire"	The Office	Smallville "Metallo" (N)		America's Next Top Model "Take My Photo, Tyra!"		10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Everybody-Raymond	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	King of the Hill	South Park	Mountaineer Magazine	Paid Programming	Paid Programming
22 WPMY	Simpsons	Family Guy	Simpsons	Family Guy	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N)				Law & Order: SVU		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Bernie Mac	My Wife	Half & Half	Half & Half
40 WPCB	The 700 Club (N)		Focus 4		★ "The Climb" (2002) Jason George, Ned Vaughn.				In Touch-Dr		Nwswtch	The Place for Miracles		TV One Life	The Zone	The Drive TV	Youthbytes	Pure Passion
59 WBGN	Punk'd	Sports Talk	Sports Talk		Eye Eye	RENO 911!	Laguna	RENO 911!	ReGenesis		Cheaters	Laguna	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
A&E	CSI: Miami "Invasion"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	
ABCFAM	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club (N)		'70s Show	'70s Show	Thinner	Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Paid Prog
AMC	(5:30) ★★★ "Analyze This" (1999) Robert De Niro.				★★★ "Field of Dreams" (1989) Kevin Costner, Amy Madigan.					★★ "For Love of the Game" (1999, Drama) Kevin Costner, Kelly Preston.						★★ "The Flesh Eaters" (1964)		
ANPL	Untamed and Uncut		Rogue Nature "Elephants"		Untamed and Uncut		Jockeys (Season Finale) (N)		Lion Feeding Frenzy		Jockeys		Untamed and Uncut		Lion Feeding Frenzy		Rogue Nature "Elephants"	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Friday Night		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Friday Night		Top Gear		Friday Night	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Freestyle.		★★★ "Coming to America" (1988) Eddie Murphy. Premiere.						Pay It Off		The Wendy Williams Show		"Half Past Dead 2" (2007) Bill Goldberg, Kurupt.				The Wendy Williams Show	
BRAVO	Real Housewives OC		Real Housewives OC		Real Housewives OC		Real Housewives OC		★★★ "The First Wives Club" (1996) Goldie Hawn.				★★★ "The First Wives Club" (1996) Goldie Hawn.				★★★ "Dave" (1993)	
CMT	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Anderson Family"				Smarter	Smarter	Videos	Videos	Jacked Up	Jacked Up	Smarter	Smarter	Just for Laughs-Working		★★ "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989)			
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow Report		Fast Money	Options	The Suze Orman Show		American Greed		Mad Money		Fast Money		The Suze Orman Show		Paid Prog	Paid Prog
CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	Brian Regan	Tosh.0	Daily Show	Colbert	Scrubs	Scrubs	D.L. Hughley: Unapologetic		Katt Williams: It's Pimpin' Pimpin'			Presents	Presents	Presents	Katt Williams: It's Pimpin' Pimpin'			Presents
CSPAN	House	Tonight From Washington									Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How-Made	How-Made	Factory	Factory	Dirty Jobs Water snakes.		Dirty Jobs		Factory	Factory	Dirty Jobs Water snakes.		Dirty Jobs		Cash Cab	Cash Cab
DISNEY	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	The Suite Life on Deck (N)		Hannah Montana		Wizards	Montana	Phineas-Ferb	That's-Raven	Zack & Cody	Cory	Replace	Kim Possible	Emperor	Dragon
E!	Celebrity Plastic Surgery		E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Kendra	Kendra	Take Miami	Take Miami	The Soup (N)	The Soup	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	The Soup	Sexiest Alluring cover girls.		Kendra	Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)		MLB Baseball Teams TBA. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)						Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter (Live)		Baseball	NFL Live (N)	SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter (Live)	
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EWTN	Church-Poor	St. Francis	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The World Over		Crossing	Holy Rosary	Defending	St Josemaria	Rome	Bookmark	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The World Over		Catholic	Defending
FNC	Special Report		FOX Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		Glenn Beck	
FOOD	Cooking	Minute	Challenge Burger recipe.		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners	Chefs vs. City "Las Vegas"		Good Eats	Rachael	Diners	Diners	Chefs vs. City "Las Vegas"		Good Eats	Rachael
FSN	Spotlight	Penguins Faceoff (Live)		NHL Hockey New York Rangers at Pittsburgh Penguins. (Live)					Penguins	Final Score	NHL Hockey New York Rangers at Pittsburgh Penguins.				Final Score	Final Score	Raising the Cup in '91	
FX	★★ "Next" (2007) Nicolas Cage, Julianne Moore.				★★ "Ghost Rider" (2007, Action) Nicolas Cage, Eva Mendes.					'70s Show	Sons of Anarchy "Eureka"		(12:01) ★★ "Next" (2007) Nicolas Cage, Jessica Biel.				Paid Prog	Paid Prog
GOLF	Golf Central	PGA Tour Golf: Nationwide Tour -- Soboba Classic			LPGA Tour Golf: Navistar LPGA Classic				PGA Tour Golf: Turning Stone Resort Championship					Golf Central	PGA Tour Golf: Champions			
GSN	Newlywed	Catch 21	Deal or No Deal		Family Feud	Family Feud	Newlywed	Catch 21	Millionaire	Lingo	Deal or No Deal		Be a Millionaire		Jeopardy!	Hollywood	Pyramid	Pyramid
HALL	(5:00) ★★★ "M*A*S*H: Goodbye, Farewell, Amen"				Touched by an Angel		★★ "101 Dalmatians" (1996) Glenn Close.				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Cheers	Cheers
HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House	House	Property	Property	House	Bang, Buck	The Antonio Project		House	First Place	House	Bang, Buck	The Antonio Project		House	First Place
HIST	Mail Call "Minot AFB"		Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels Butchers.		Nostradamus Effect		Lock N' Load		More Sex in the Civil War		(12:01) Modern Marvels		(:01) Nostradamus Effect		Lock N' Load	
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Medium		Project Runway		DietTribe "Leap of Faith"		Project Runway		Models	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Will & Grace	Grey's Anatomy		Paid Prog
MSNBC	The Ed Show		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		The Gangster Chronicles				Lockup: Indiana	
MTV	Disaster	Disaster	Disaster	Pranked	Pranked	Real World/Road Rules Challenge			★★★ "Higher Learning" (1995, Drama) Omar Epps. Premiere.				Real World/Road Rules Challenge				★★★ "Higher Learning"	
NICK	iCarly	Jackson	iCarly	SpongeBob	The Troop	Penguins	Penguins	Penguins	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	Malcolm	Glenn Martin	Lopez	Lopez	Hates Chris	Hates Chris
OXY	★★ "The Amityville Horror" (2005) Ryan Reynolds.				★★ "Cellular" (2004) Kim Basinger, Chris Evans.				★★ "Cellular" (2004) Kim Basinger, Chris Evans.				The Tyra Show		The Tyra Show		Snapped	Snapped
PCN	PCN Tours		High School Football Bloomsburg vs. Loyalsock Township. (Live)						PCN Evening - pcntv.com				PCN Tours	PCN Tours	PCN Profiles		Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Pittsburgh Now		News	Ch Batch	NightTalk: Get to the Point		PCNC News		NightTalk		Pittsburgh	Fedko Fone	PCNC News	PCNC News		Paid Prog	NightTalk	
SPIKE	CSI: NY		★★★ "Forrest Gump" (1994, Drama) Tom Hanks, Robin Wright. Premiere.						★★★ "Forrest Gump" (1994, Drama) Tom Hanks, Robin Wright, Gary Sinise.						MANswers	MANswers	★ "Lake Placid" (1999)	
SYFY	★★★ "The Mummy" (1999, Adventure) Brendan Fraser, Rachel Weisz.						Stargate Universe "Air" (Series Premiere) (N)				Stargate Universe "Air" (Part 1 of 2)				Stargate SG-1 "The Quest"		Stargate SG-1 "The Quest"	
TBS	Seinfeld	The Office	Name Is Earl	Name Is Earl	Family Guy	Family Guy	★★ "Rush Hour 2" (2001) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker.				(:10) ★★ "The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift"				(:10) ★★ "The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift"			
TCM	Dangerous	★★ "The Young and the Brave" (1963)			Night at the Movies (N)		★★★★ "Rear Window" (1954) James Stewart.				Night at the Movies		★★★★ "Shadow of a Doubt" (1943) Teresa Wright.				★★ "Shack Out on 101"	
TLC	Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear		Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Wedded to Perfection		Dress	Dress	Wedded to Perfection		Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear	
TNT	NUMB3RS		CSI: NY "Cold Reveal"		CSI: NY		★★ "Runaway Bride" (1999) Julia Roberts, Richard Gere.					★★ "Runaway Bride" (1999) Julia Roberts, Richard Gere.					"The Devil's Advocate"	
TOON	★ "Small Soldiers" (1998, Action) Kirsten Dunst.				Star Wars: The Clone Wars		Star Wars: The Clone Wars		King of Hill	King of Hill	Chicken	Amer Dad	The Office	Metal	The Oblongs	Birdman	King of Hill	King of Hill
TRAVEL	Extreme Races		Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Ghost Adventures		America Haunts		Halloween Attractions		Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Ghost Adventures		America Haunts	
TRUTV	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	World's Wildest		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	World's Wildest		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
TVLAND	Little House on the Prairie		Hillbillies	Hillbillies	Married...	Married...	★★ "Police Academy" (1984) Steve Guttenberg.				Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	NCIS "UnSEALed"		NCIS "Sharif Returns"		★★ "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" (2007, Adventure) Johnny Depp. Premiere.							Law Order: CI		Psych		★★ "The Brothers Grimm" (2005)		
VH1	40 Greatest Pranks 2				Behind the Music		My Antonio		★ "Coyote Ugly" (2000) Piper Perabo, Adam Garcia, Maria Bello.					Behind the Music "Pink"		Behind the Music		Eddie Griffin
VS.	Hunting TV	Outdoor	Dangerous	North-Alaska	Whitetail	Bucks	Buck Stops	Monster	Tred Barta	Huntley Way	Whitetail	Bucks	Buck Stops	Monster	Tred Barta	Huntley Way	Dangerous	North-Alaska
WE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Ghost Whisperer		Amazing Wedding Cakes		Wedding Cake Wars		Bridezillas		My Fair Wedding		Bridezillas		★★★ "It Could Happen to You" (1994) Nicolas Cage.			
WGN	Becker	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		★★★ "Moonraker" (1979, Action) Roger Moore, Lois Chiles.					Videos	Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park	Star Trek: Next Gener.		The Bob & Tom Show	
ENC	(:15) ★★ "Six Days, Seven Nights" (1998)				★★★ "Superbad" (2007, Comedy) Jonah Hill.				★★ "Porky's" (1981) Dan Monahan.		(:40) ★★ "Things Are Tough All Over" (1982)				(:20) ★★ "Navy SEALS" (1990)			
HBO	(:15) ★★ "Evolution" (2001) David Duchovny.				★★ "Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay"				Real Time With Bill Maher		Real Time With Bill Maher		Bored	In Brooklyn	(12:50) ★ "Bulletproof" (1996) Premiere.		Prizzi's	
MAX	(:15) ★★ "Body of Lies" (2008, Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio.					★★ "Army of Darkness" (1992)			★★★ "The Incredible Hulk" (2008) Edward Norton.				Life on Top	(:35) "Sex Spirit" (2009, Adult) Premiere.			★★ "Body of Lies" (2008)	
SHOW	Honeydrip	Goldberg	Inside the NFL (iTV)		Nurse Jackie	Weeds (iTV)	Californ	Californ	Dexter "Living the Dream"		Boxing Allan Green vs. Victor Oganov. (iTV) (Live)					Inside the NFL (iTV)		★★ Bound
STARZ	Penelope	(:25) ★★ "Step Brothers" (2008)			(:10) ★★★ "Cadillac Records" (2008) Adrien Brody.				Crash (N)		★★ "We Own the Night" (2007) Joaquin Phoenix.			(:05) Crash			★★★ "Frequency" (2000)	
TMC	★★★ "A Room With a View" (1986, Drama) Premiere.				★★ "Beowulf" (2007) Voices of Ray Winstone.				★★ "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider" (2001)		(:45) ★★ "From Dusk Till Dawn" (1996) Harvey Keitel.				(:35) "Talk Sex" (2001) Kelli McCarty.			

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FEATURES

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Roscoe, will hold a chicken and biscuit dinner 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday. The menu will comprise chicken and biscuits, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, applesauce, dessert and beverage. For takeouts, call (724) 938-2660. Workers for the dinner, from left, are Betty Maxon, Marge Farquhar, Patty Fisher, Diane Rice, Nancy Bilitski, Belle Jean Barber and Evelyn Bloom.

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

St. Anthony Altar Rosary/Christian Mothers

The first meeting for St. Anthony Altar Rosary/Christian Mothers, of Monongahela, was held Sept. 14. Newly installed President Angela Tunon welcomed everyone. All recited the flag pledge and a prayer. This was the group's annual covered dish.

Following dinner, Tunon began the meeting by having Secretary Reva Savage read the minutes of the last meeting and the correspondence. Treasurer Cindy Patterson reported, covering expenditures over the summer.

The Rev. Joseph Feltz gave the chaplain's report, and he thanked the ARCM for its contribution toward the expenses of the celebration of his 30th anniversary as a priest, which was held at the Festa grounds.

Pam Behanna reported on paid dues.

Committee reports were given by Helen Bugar, who reports on ill members. In the absence of Janey Mellinger, Vice President Tish Cardis reported on the brick campaign.

Tunon passed out a list of social committees for the following months. Tunon also asked if any members needed new medals. She announced that Oct. 5 is the ARCM annual baby shower meeting, and members are asked to bring a baby gift or money donation to be given to Alternative Pathway Pregnancy Center in Monongahela. It was agreed upon to continue giving a red rose and prayer card to the new mothers at baptisms held at St. Anthony Church.

Fundraisers were discussed. The ARCM will continue a Super Bowl hoagie sale and a monthly money tree sale. Two tickets will be sold by all members, and a jewelry party and penny bingo are being considered.

Tunon thanked the September social committee, chaired by Nancy Sinko, for its hard work. June, July, August and September birthdays were acknowledged with a song and small gift. Door prizes were awarded and the closing prayer was a remembrance of all those who died on Sept. 11.

The next meeting will be held Monday.

Mass as a group will be attended 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Members are asked to sit in the reserved seat at the front of the church.

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CALENDAR WATCH

Saturday

■ Flea market, Belle Vernon Apartments (high rise) Blind Lane, 8 a.m. to noon.

■ Chicken and biscuit dinner, First Christian Church, 115 Sixth St., Monessen, 3 to 6:30 p.m.

■ Diabetes Education Day, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, 9 a.m.

■ Display of pioneer-type dresses, Frazier House, Perryopolis, noon to 4 p.m., during Pioneer Days.

■ Vendor and craft show, Rostraver Public Library, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Oktoberfest dinner, sponsored by Downtown West Newton, West Newton gym, South Fifth Street, 4 to 8 p.m.

■ Candlelight ghost tours begin, Nemacolin Castle, Front Street, Brownsville, 6 to 10 p.m.

■ All-you-can-eat spaghetti and meatball dinner, Marianna Methodist Church, 3 to 7 p.m.

■ Doughnut sale, Transfiguration Church, Main Street, Monongahela, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Westmoreland Cleanways household hazardous waste collection, Westmoreland Fairgrounds, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Garage sale, flea market set

The United Methodist Church, Fourth Street, Fayette City, will host its first garage sale/flea market 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Rain date will be Oct. 10. Proceeds will help with utilities, which will also help the pre-school. For information, contact Vann or Dave at (724) 326-8722.

Tent worship service planned in Monessen

Churches United for Change will have a tent worship service 3 p.m. Saturday at Ninth Street Park, Monessen. The Rev. Rhonda Higgens will be the speaker. Hot dogs and refreshments will be served following the program.

Shipmates to meet in Carroll Township

The Mid-Mon Valley Shipmates will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday at the James C. Ford Post 949 American Legion, Carroll Township.

Soup, salad, bake sale set

A soup, salad and bake sale will be held 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Newell United Methodist Church. Vegetable, potato and chicken noodle soups, hot dogs with sauerkraut, hamburgers, pie, cake and beverages will be sold.

SAL to meet at Post 949

The S.A.L., Sons of the American Legion, will meet 8 p.m. Wednesday at the James C. Ford Post 949 American Legion, Carroll Township.

SFO meeting set in Charleroi

The Charleroi office of TRIPIL, 209 Fifth St., will host its monthly meeting of Speaking for Ourselves (SFO), an organization of and for persons with developmental disabilities and their allies, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday. Vice President Rick Giovanucci will report on the state board meeting in Harrisburg.

Donora Library board to meet

The Donora Library board of directors will meet 6 p.m. Wednesday in the library.

VFW Post 1190 plans meeting

Allison Lescanic Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1190, Monessen, will meet 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Mon Valley Community Health Center, fourth floor, Monessen.

K of C Council 954 to meet in Monessen

Knights of Columbus Council 954, Monessen, will meet Wednesday at the council rooms on Grand Boulevard. Officers meet at 6:30 p.m. and members at 7:30 p.m.

Rostraver club plans guest night

The Rostraver Women's Club annual Guest Night will be held 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Fells United Methodist Church.

Rams Gridiron Club to meet

The Ringgold Rams Gridiron Club will meet 7 p.m. Wednesday in room 133 of the high school.

Singles Night set in Monessen

Singles Night will be held 7 p.m. Saturday at Union Baptist Church, 670 McMahon Ave., Monessen. Emcee will be William Bronson, with singing by Donald Payne. A speaker will attend. Food will be available. Singles Night is not a place to meet a future mate, but is intended to show single people how to live their life according to God's ways.

PROJECT OF THE WEEK

Serene scene for the Season

No matter how often we tell ourselves that this year we're going to slow down and enjoy the Christmas season, the reality is almost always the opposite. In fact, the more we try to slow down during the holidays, the more the hectic pace of life actually seems to intensify. This year, send yourself (and the rest of the neighborhood) a reminder of the reason for the season with this big, full-color outdoor nativity display. It just might help you put some serenity back into Christmas.

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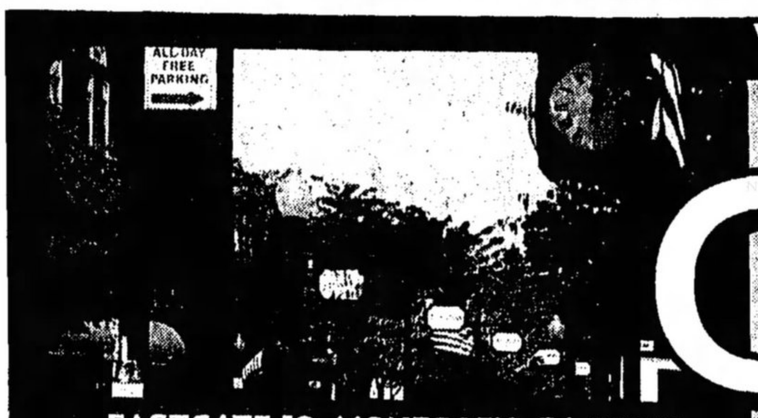

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Letters Testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted thereto to make payment without delay and to those having claims or demands to present them for settlement to the Executor or his attorney named below.

James W. Morgan,
Executor
PO Box 277
Roscoe, PA 15477

Frank C. Kocevar,
Esquire
223 Second Street
Monongahela, PA 15063
10/2,9,16

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2010/ESTATE NOTICES

Semancik, Joseph A.
ESTATE NOTICE

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Paul A. Hayduk,
Co-Executor
16807 Westbourne Terrace
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Frances Ann Koschalk,
Co-Executor
318 Concord Lane
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Richard R. Victoria
Attorney at Law
506 Circle Drive
Belle Vernon, PA 15012
724-929-9823
10/2,9,16

2010/ESTATE NOTICES

Wherry, Kenneth
ESTATE NOTICE

Letters of testamentary on the estate of KENNETH WHERRY aka J. KENNETH WHERRY aka JAMES K. WHERRY aka JAMES KENNETH WHERRY, late of the City of Monessen, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, deceased, having been granted by the Register of Wills of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them without delay to:

James D. Wherry,
Executor
33 Christy Hill Road
Gales Ferry, CT 06335-1605

Timothy M. Maatta,
Attorney
513 Schoonmaker Ave.
Monessen, PA 15062
9/18,25;10/2

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CHARLEROI- Community Sale, Smith St. & Daily Ave. (Fallowfield Twp.). Sat., Oct. 3, 8am-Noon.

CHARLEROI Yard Sale, 28 Craven Drive. Sat., October 3, 8am-3pm.

DONORA Inside Rain or Shine Sat., Oct. 3, 9-? 427 First St. Misc. household items, exercise, tires, etc.

FALLOWFIELD TWP. 95 Fremont Road. Sat., Oct. 3, 8-12. Large variety of items.

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JACOBS CREEK Multi Family Fri. & Sat., Oct. 2 & 3, 9am-3pm. 2 miles from Smithton. Rain or shine.

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MONONGAHELA- 1401 Fourth St. & Crestview. Sat., Oct. 3, 9am-? Clothing, toys, furniture, household items.

5310/GARAGE/YARD SALES

N.CHARLEROI- 527 Isabella Ave. Large yard sale, lots to see. Fri. & Sat., Oct. 2 & 3, 8am-5pm.

PERRYOPOLIS Sat. & Sun., Oct. 3 & 4, 8am-3pm. No early birds. 111 Independence St.

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Your Birthday
SATURDAY, OCT. 3, 2009

LIBRA
September 23 through October 23

Your basic character has undergone constructive changes in the past few years, making you more self-reliant and better able to fend for yourself in the year ahead. You'll like what you're now able to produce for yourself.

LIBRA **(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- Interestingly, being free to make your own choices will be important to you -- yet you are likely to strongly deny this same privilege to the rest of your family.

SCORPIO **(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- Be mindful of your attitude when some extra responsibilities are thrown at you. Should you become negative or too resentful, it will make everything twice as hard on you.

SAGITTARIUS **(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- Should you find yourself in the presence of an abrasive and forceful individual, be smart and don't attempt to challenge this person's views. You'll only gain a bigger fight.

CAPRICORN **(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- People who throw their weight around will be more distasteful than usual. Be careful how your handle them, though, especially if any are in a position of authority. They will turn on you.

AQUARIUS **(Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- It won't do any good to use anger to cover up a weak position. Keep your ego out of the picture, and this facade won't become necessary.

PISCES **(Feb. 20-March 20)** -- A resentful arrangement might develop that makes you the giver and another the taker. Coincidently, the accused is feeling the same way. Each will be wrong.

ARIES **(March 21-April 19)** -- Of course, you can expect problems if you are cantankerous or quarrelsome and not cooperative. Being tired is no excuse for being unreasonable. Get back in character.

TAURUS **(April 20-May 20)** -- It won't do any good to look for a scapegoat when you paint yourself into a corner. The dripping brush in your hand will be a sure giveaway.

GEMINI **(May 21-June 20)** -- When it comes to playing a social game with your friends, don't let winning become more important than the relationships themselves. Better to concede a few points than to lose a pal.

CANCER **(June 21-July 22)** -- It is vital that, when striving for an important achievement, you employ only tactics of which you can be proud. If your methods are harsh or tainted, your reputation will take a big hit.

LEO **(July 23-Aug. 22)** -- Take care that you don't act like a know-it-all because there is a good chance you will run into someone who is truly brilliant. It will end up being a humbling experience for you.

VIRGO **(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- Pack away your credit cards, or you're likely to overwork more than one. Letting extravagance get out of hand might be far too easy, and you could really load them up.

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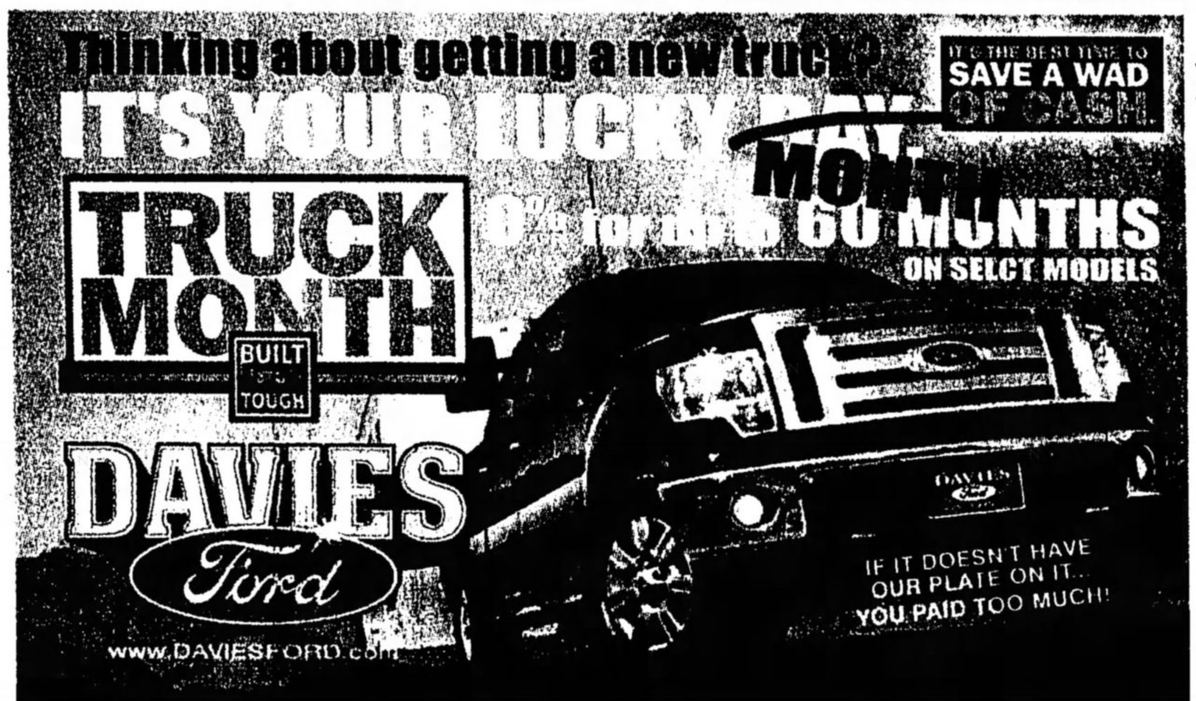
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